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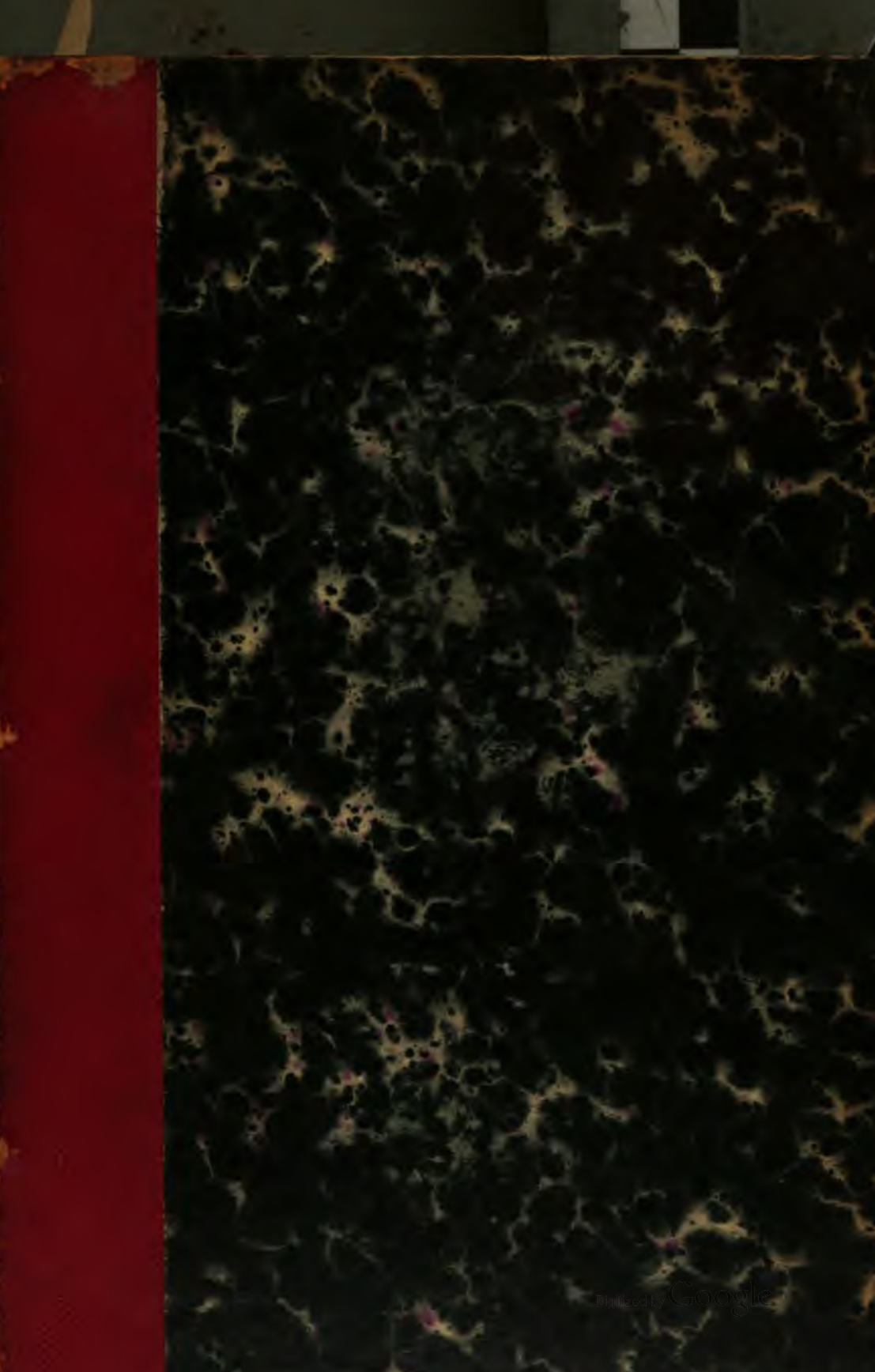
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*Life of Benedict Arnold: His Patriotism and Treason.* By ISAAC N. ARNOLD, Author of "Life of Abraham Lincoln." [Motto] Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Co. 1880. [Cloth, Crown 8vo. pp. 444. With Portrait and full index. Price \$2.50. Sold by Lee & Shepard, Boston, Mass.]

Any attempt to alter or essentially modify the settled judgment of the American people as to the character of Benedict Arnold, must of necessity prove a failure. Few characters in history are better known or more easily understood. His public life exhibits a series of bold, daring acts, interspersed with quarrels with individuals or with the legislatures of Massachusetts or Pennsylvania, and with Congress. His nature was ardent, impetuous and undisciplined. As a boy he displayed the same mercenary disposition, the same reckless daring, the same lack of principle, the same unscrupulousness as to means, and the same utter disregard of consequences that were so conspicuous in his after career. His judicious biographer, Mr. Sparks, says of him: "To an innate love of mischief young Arnold added an obduracy of conscience, a cruelty of disposition, an irritability of temper, and a reckless indifference to the good opinion of others." The necessary relation of cause and effect makes it a foregone conclusion that the detestable act that rendered his name infamous for all time was the necessary outcome of such characteristics whenever the favorable circumstances should occur for their development. The rehabilitation of such a character seems a hopeless undertaking.

Such however is the task which Mr. Isaac N. Arnold, of Chicago, has set himself; and undoubtedly the public is the gainer when, as in this instance, additional light is thrown on the prominent actors and events of history. While "for the traitor Arnold he has no plea but guilty," the writer asks for "a fair hearing and justice for Arnold the soldier and patriot," affirming that injustice has been done him in "ignoring his virtues and in refusing to recognize his great services." We do not consider this point well taken. Assuredly no reader of our revolutionary history can fail to recall the brilliant feats of Arnold portrayed in its pages; the daring march through the wilderness to Quebec, and the heroic assault on its walls; the skilfully conducted naval battle on Lake Champlain; his activity and intrepidity at Ridgefield, and especially his services in the campaign ending in Burgoyne's surrender. If any injustice has been done him by our historians and other writers, it is with reference to the latter achievement. No one contributed more largely to the grand result—a result which secured the alliance with France and settled the question of independence—than Benedict Arnold. With this exception we believe that the bravery and the military talents and achievements of Arnold have received ample recognition at their hands. Unfortunately there is little else to be said in his favor.

The historian Bancroft erroneously asserts, on the authority of Wilkinson, that Arnold was not present at the first battle of Saratoga, on Sept. 19, 1777. That he was a listless observer, or remained in camp regardless of the fact that he was responsible for the entire left wing which was then assailed, is wholly inconsistent with his nature and the position he occupied. No one acquainted with the charac-

ter of the man, or familiar with the details of this important battle, fought wholly by Arnold's division, can doubt his active participation in it. Indeed his absence from it when neither sick nor under arrest would be simply incredible. To suppose that this hard fought action, well planned by an enemy handled by skillful generals and led by Burgoyne in person, was successfully carried on until darkness brought it to a close, by troops without a leader, or concert of action, is preposterous. Upon this point the writer has justice and truth on his side, and to Arnold and his troops the credit of this achievement properly belongs. To him, indeed, rather than to Gates, who as the commander in chief bore off the honors, the success of this decisive campaign seems justly attributable.

Foremost among the causes assigned for Arnold's defection was the dilatory action of Congress, who had been slow to accord him his proper rank, and who hesitated to allow his pecuniary claims. That body was no doubt influenced by the unfavorable reports generally prevalent respecting his integrity, while the voluminous accounts presented by him for settlement contained so many extras and charges in his own favor of a dubious and manifestly unreasonable character, that it bore the appearance of an impudent attempt to overreach and defraud the public. So apparent was this that the next time the question of his rank came up after this exposure, it was decided against him three to one. His brilliant conduct at Saratoga, however, had procured him his full rank, dating from Feb. 17, 1777, nearly three years before his treasonable attempt—thus removing this cause of irritation.

His subsequent career of extravagance in Philadelphia compelled him to have recourse to oppressive and illegal acts to enable him to sustain it. This led to a court-martial, whose light sentence of a reprimand was delicately and with all possible forbearance administered by Washington. This reprimand, added to the injustice with which Congress had treated him, his present biographer tells us, "rankled and irritated until it poisoned, drove him to desperation, and opened the way for the commission of his crime." Unfortunately for this theory, it is certain that Arnold had been in secret correspondence with the enemy for nearly a year before the sentence of the court had been pronounced. We have a simpler theory to propound. It is this: He wanted money; he was sensitive and high-spirited, notwithstanding his utter want of principle, and was no doubt keenly alive to the disrepute his avaricious and oppressive conduct had brought upon him, and to procure money, to avenge himself upon his enemies in Congress, and at the same time to ingratiate himself with the British government, he took the fatal step, alas! made all too easy by the marriage he had contracted while in Philadelphia with the daughter of an influential loyalist.

Yet the writer of the volume tells us Arnold was a "patriot," and this statement reappears in a variety of forums. Such a sad misuse of the word is inexcusable. If Arnold who sold his country was a patriot, what was Washington? We have hitherto supposed a patriot to be a man who made sacrifices for his country, not one who offered her up as a sacrifice on the altar of his vengeful spirit. The soldier who, "ill fed, ill clad, and worse paid," served in the ranks until the independence of his country; was secured, and who, when disbanded, had nothing but his rags and his wounds, or perhaps a broken constitution to show as his recompense—such is the view we have been accustomed to take of what constituted a patriot in the "days that tried men's souls." It goes without saying that Benedict Arnold is the last man to whom we should accord that honorable appellation.

F. S. DRAKE.

*Bulletin of the Boston Public Library.* January—October, 1879. [Large 8vo. pp. 1-143.]

*Harvard University—Library Bulletin.* Nos. 1-13. 1875-1879. [8vo. pp. 1-378.]

The bulletins of the Boston Public Library, of which the numbers noted above are the beginning of volume 4th, are widely known among students, readers and librarians, for the valuable bibliographical information which they contain, and which render full sets of them so useful to librarians and those who have much to do with books. The lists of accessions are enriched by many helpful notes which give in brief the contents of important works, and are of great assistance to readers; while the supplementary matter is of much general interest and value in a literary, historical and biographical point of view. In the numbers of the past year, besides quarterly lists of new books added to the library, there are bibliographical articles on the Indian Question, the Bibliography of Mental Philosophy, the Renaissance in France and Italy, the Chinese in America; and what will be especially valuable to

students of local history and genealogy, lists of references to published genealogies, local histories containing genealogical matter, and a list of American newspapers of the last century. The work is carefully edited, and deserves to be prized by students of bibliography.

The publication of the Bulletin of Harvard University Library was commenced in Dec. 1875, the design being to have the numbers appear quarterly. The numbers 1-5 contain simply lists of accessions, each number being paged independently. With the issue of the number for Dec 1, 1877, Mr. Justin Winsor, the new librarian of Harvard, assumed the editorship, and with this issue the paging of the numbers began to be made consecutively. In the next succeeding issue, No. 6, Mr. Winsor commenced the publication of a Supplement, containing bibliographical notes, lists and references, which had given the Bulletin of the Boston Public Library, while under his charge, so well deserved a reputation; and these lists have been continued and have embraced much rare, curious and important information in regard to the many special collections in the University library. We enumerate a few of the more noteworthy: Bibliography of the books and manuscripts left to the library by the late Hon. Charles Sumner, 27 pages; Calendar of the Lee Manuscripts deposited in the library, 18 pages; Lists of the several editions of the life and works of Michelangelo, 8 pages; Bibliography of the earlier editions of Shakspeare's Poems, 7 pages; Lists of works relating to the Floras of different countries, 10 pages; Editions of the works of J. O. Hallowell-Phillips, 13 pages; with references to works on American history, the Pilgrims at Plymouth, the Council of New England, 1620-35, the Massachusetts Bay Colony 1630, the Antinomian Controversy in New England 1632, and a list of works in Analytic Geometry, by Prof. J. M. Pierce. The above lists when completed are to be issued in independent form as "Bibliographical Contributions of the Library of Harvard University." Mr. Winsor is one of the most accomplished bibliographers in the country, and his careful editing is manifest upon every page of these several issues.

SAMUEL L. BOARDMAN.

*New Hampshire without Provincial Government, 1689-90; an Historical Sketch.*

By CHARLES W. TUTTLE. Cambridge: University Press, John Wilson & Son. 1880. [8vo. pp. 12. With a heliotype facsimile. Reprinted from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society for October, 1879. 50 copies printed.]

Mr. Tuttle is one of the most indefatigable and successful investigators of New England history, and the pamphlet before us furnishes now evidence of the keenness and ardor of his research. This historical sketch covers a period of eleven months, during which New Hampshire had no colonial or provincial government. The overthrow of the government of Sir Edmund Andros, April 18, 1689, left New Hampshire, as it did the other New England provinces and colonies, without a government. Dr. Belknap, who has touched but lightly upon the public affairs of New Hampshire during this period, has fallen into some errors, which the author corrects.

Some years ago Mr. Tuttle came into possession of a valuable original document, showing a form of government adopted by a convention of delegates from all the towns, held in Portsmouth, January 24, 1689-90. This led him to investigate the history of that period. An inspection of the archives of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, resulted in several interesting discoveries in New England history.

Among other things, it appears, what no writer seems to have suspected, that the old confederation of the colonies was revived in 1689; that New Hampshire was admitted to the confederacy and sent a commissioner; and that force of circumstances compelled Massachusetts even to invite Rhode Island, which had been refused admission to the old confederacy, to join them, but this she declined. William Vaughan was the commissioner sent from New Hampshire.

Mr. Tuttle gives the details of the various struggles of the people of New Hampshire to form a government, and the reason of their failure; for their fortune led them to a final annexation to Massachusetts, March 19, 1690.

It may be mentioned that Mr. Tuttle has fixed the date of the attack on Oyster River in 1689, and that he corrects Mather by giving the true name of the captain who pursued the Indians.

J. W. DEAN.

*Brief Memoir of Dr. George H. Gay, H. C. 1842.* By C. D. BRADLEE, H. C. 1853. [Boston:] 1879. [8vo. pp. 6.]

This is a beautiful tribute to the memory of an able surgeon, conscientiously devoted to his profession, by one who knew him intimately.

J. W. D.

*Historical Address.* By GEORGE W. RANCK. At the Centennial Celebration of the Settlement of Lexington, Kentucky. . . . Lexington, Ky.: Transylvania Printing and Publishing Company. 1879. [8vo. pp. 11.]

The address was delivered in Morrison Chapel, Lexington, April 2, 1879, just one hundred years after the first permanent settlement was made. Some of the settlers had camped upon the spot four years previous, June 5, 1775. This was a few weeks after the battle of Lexington was fought, and "in honor of that glorious week," they gave it its present name. "Here," says the author, "in the heart of a Virginia wilderness, and by Kentucky pioneers, was erected the first monument ever raised on this continent to the first dead of the American Revolution."

Mr. Ranck is the secretary of the Kentucky Historical Society and the author of the *History of Lexington*, published in 1872. He has also edited the poems of Theodore O'Hara, author of "The Bivouac of the Dead." The address is able and eloquent. J. W. D.

*An Account of the Early Land-Grants of Groton, Massachusetts.* By SAMUEL A. GREEN, M. D. Groton: 1879. [8vo. pp. 58.]

This is another valuable addition to the materials for the history of Groton, which Dr. Green has given to the public. He had before furnished us with the epitaphs and the early records of Groton, and he now prints a verbatim copy of the land-grants of the seventeenth century recorded in the town books. Like the records before noticed (*ante*, xxxiii. 454), the original from which the land-grants are copied is in a very dilapidated condition, much worn and very hard to decipher. J. W. D.

*Reminiscences of James C. Ayer and the Town of Ayer.* "Undertake what you can accomplish, and accomplish what you undertake."—James C. Ayer. By CHARLES COWLEY, Author of "Leaves from a Lawyer's Life Afloat and Ashore," "History of Lowell," "Famous Divorces of all Ages," etc. Printed by the Penhallow Printing Company, No. 12 Middle Street, Lowell, Mass. [1879. 8vo. pp. 156. Price \$1.25 in cloth, or \$1 in paper. For sale by the printers, Lowell, and by Lee & Shepard and B. B. Russell, Boston, Mass.]

The substance of these reminiscences was "read by the author at the tenth annual meeting of the 'Old Residents' Historical Association,' held in Lowell, May 8, 1879," and repented to the public at the request of prominent citizens, Wednesday evening, July 9, 1879, in Huntington Hall, Lowell. They were so well received that the author has been encouraged to add to and print them. Such works have great value as contributions to local and personal history.

James Cook Ayer, the subject of this work, was born in that part of Groton, Ct., now Ledyard, May 5, 1818, and died in Winchendon, Mass., July 3, 1878, aged 60, having by a successful business career, in which he showed enterprise and sagacity, accumulated a fortune. His medicines have made his name familiar throughout the country.

The "Reminiscences of the Town of Ayer,"—which town was named in honor of James C. Ayer, and received liberal donations from him,—are, like the rest of the volume, interesting and valuable. J. W. D.

*The American Antiquarian.* A Quarterly Journal devoted to Early American History, Ethnology and Archæology. Edited by Rev. STEPHEN D. PEET, Clinton, Wisconsin. Published by Jackson & Morse, Chicago, Ill. 1879. [8vo. Published quarterly. Price \$3 a year.]

*A Comparison between the Archæology of Europe and America.* By Rev. STEPHEN D. PEET. Read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at the Session held at Buffalo, August 22, 1876. Reprinted from the American Antiquarian for April, 1879. [Chicago: 1879. 8vo. pp. 14.]

The first number of the American Antiquarian was issued in April, 1878, and was noticed in the REGISTER for that year. The number for July, August and September, 1879, being the commencement of the second volume, is now before us, increased in size to 88 pages, and filled with valuable matter upon the special subjects to which the periodical is devoted. We are glad to have so good evidence that the work is meeting with success.

The Rev. Mr. Peet's comparison of Archæology in Europe and America is an able paper on an important subject. J. W. D.

*Indian Massacre at Fox Point*, in Newington. By CHARLES W. TUTTLE. [1879. 8vo. pp. 6. 25 copies reprinted from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society for June, 1879.]

Fox Point, in Newington, N. H., was part of Dover, when this alleged massacre took place, May 28, 1690. Mr. Tuttle,—versed in New Hampshire history, touching which his keen and thorough research is fast accumulating most valuable results,—became suspicious that there was no such massacre. Patient examination found that the story originally appeared in a loose statement by Cotton Mather, probably based on a hasty letter from William Vaughan, which letter was written on a story brought into Portsmouth by a frightened fugitive. The letter had no confirmation. Not a family on the ground has a tradition of the loss of an ancestor at that time. No local, probate, or other record shows the disappearance of citizens. The extant diaries, military or otherwise, do not allude to it. And, most of all, Rev. John Pike, in whose own parish this territory lay, and who kept a minute diary of weather, events, accidents, deaths, Indian troubles and the like,—and who was at that very date only four miles distant,—makes not the slightest allusion to any such affair.

It is hard to give up our pet massacres; but we give up this one, and place it with George Washington's little hatchet and the Wheelwright Deed. A. H. QUINT.

*History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut, from the first Indian Deed in 1659 to 1879, including the present towns of Washington, Southbury, Bethlehem, Roxbury, and a part of Oxford and Middlebury, containing the genealogical statistics of the same, and of ancient Stratford from 1639 to 1728.* By WILLIAM COTHREN. Vol. III. Woodbury, Conn.: Published by William Cothren. 1879. [8vo. pp. 707.]

The first volume of this history was published in 1854, and was noticed in the April number of the REGISTER of that year. The second volume was published in 1872, and noticed in the REGISTER for October of that year. The third volume, just from the press, is given up almost wholly to the genealogical statistics of this ancient town; it contains the births, marriages and deaths of Woodbury from 1679 to 1879, the baptisms from 1670 to 1813; the births, marriages and deaths of Washington from 1742 to 1878; the births, marriages and deaths of Southbury from 1731 to 1879; the births of Bethlehem from 1941 to 1879, the marriages and deaths from 1740 to 1878; the births of Roxbury from 1852 to 1879, the marriages and deaths from 1744 to 1879; a list of the public officials of the town, members of Congress, judges, senators, &c. As the first settlers of Woodbury came principally from Stratford, Conn., the author has inserted all the recorded births, marriages and deaths on the Stratford records from its settlement in 1639 to 1728. This latter feature adds very much to the value of the work from a genealogical point of view. Mr. Cothren states that since he issued his two former volumes, "he has been overwhelmed by a multitude of letters, increasing in number with the passing years, making inquiries after genealogical information not contained in those volumes. On account of the pressure of these inquiries upon the compiler having become so great, he was in some sense compelled to publish this volume as a personal relief from the labor of continual searches of the records to answer the questions of correspondents." Now he can reply to his correspondents, "Behold! I have written it all in a book; purchase and search for yourselves."

We regard this last volume of the author as a monument of patient industry, and the preparation of it must have involved a large amount of time and labor in copying so many names and dates, and it must be of great value to those who are engaged in historical and genealogical researches. As materials for the history of Connecticut families these pages are of great value, and whoever has occasion to examine them will feel grateful that they have been made accessible in a printed form. As the book is to be used principally as one of reference, we regard it as a public misfortune that there could not have been found in this large town a person of sufficient leisure to have prepared a good index of names. W. S. ALLEN.

*The History of Warner, N. H., for one hundred and forty-four years, from 1735 to 1879.* By WALTER HARRIMAN. Concord, N. H.: Printed by the Republican Press. 1879. [8vo. pp. 581.]

The town of Warner is in Merrimack county, some fifteen miles northwest of Concord. It was settled by emigrants from Amesbury, Mass., and was called New Amesbury. Its present name probably was taken in honor of Col. Seth Warner, of Bennington, Vt.

The volume contains 581 pages, divided into 36 chapters, and is adorned with twenty-six illustrations—the frontispiece bearing an excellent steel plate of the compiler, the others being mainly heliotypes.

In the preface the author says: "I have made this work not a genealogical register, but a *history of the town*." With much painstaking he has gathered up the records and the traditions and preserved them in this goodly sized volume as a labor of love, and at his own cost. The narrative is easy, plain and concise. The subject demanded no effort at rhetoric, for the town is purely agricultural, the soil granitic, the inhabitants plain farmers. No great event has ever occurred within the town, but it has raised men, and, although the compiler has aimed mainly at preserving the annals, he has also made it a history of individuals—one of much value to the future genealogist.

The concluding chapter is upon the "boundaries of New Hampshire"—an address delivered at Canterbury, N. H., May 3, 1878. It has a legitimate place in the volume, from the fact that the proprietors of the town, in common with other towns west of the Merrimack river, were greatly perplexed by the question of boundary, and dominion between New Hampshire, New York, and the Masonian proprietors.

The volume only lacks an index to make it complete. The thanks of the community are due to Governor Harriman for thus rescuing at his own cost the records of the town from oblivion.

C. C. COFFIN.

*History of Seymour, Connecticut, with Biographies and Genealogies.* By W. C. SHARPE. Record Print: Seymour, Conn. 1879. [8vo. pp. 244, with portraits and illustrations. Price \$2.25; by mail, \$2.38.]

The town of Seymour dates its incorporation from the year 1850, having formerly been a part of the old township of Derby, which had previously been reduced from its original limits by the setting off of the town of Oxford in 1741. In 1878 Mr. Sharpe, the editor of the *Seymour Record*, issued a volume of 148 pages, entitled "Seymour and Vicinity;" and he had previously, in 1874, published a little work on the "Sharpe Family of England and America, from 1580 to 1870"—showing himself by these works to have been greatly interested in matters pertaining to local history and genealogy. The present volume contains all the contents of the first-mentioned work, with the addition of much genealogical and biographical information. The matter is somewhat miscellaneous and disconnected in arrangement, explained in part from the fact that the articles first appeared in the columns of Mr. Sharpe's paper, some of which appear here in the double-column form in which they were originally printed, although the most of them have been re-set. This somewhat unmethodical arrangement of the subjects treated, and the presence of matters which should have properly found a place in a Directory, give the impression that the title of the volume would have been better as *Collections* towards a history of the town, rather than the history itself. Still the work is a most creditable one, as the incidents of early and later history, the part taken by its citizens in the Revolution and the civil war, accounts of its manufacturing and other industries, and biographical sketches of prominent personages, are all faithfully given. The genealogical portion comprises fifty-two pages, and there is an exhaustive and thoroughly prepared index of twelve pages.

S. L. B.

*The Voice as a Musical Instrument; with Medical Hints as to its Proper Training and Culture.* By CHARLES H. STANLEY DAVIS, M.D. Boston: Published by Oliver Ditson & Co. [1879. 12mo. pp. 41.]

This pamphlet treats of a subject in which a large portion of the community feel an interest. The author states in his preface that it is "the result of a somewhat extensive experience with the laryngoscope and the treatment of diseases of the throat, and more especially the hygienic, dietetic and medical management of the singing voice." Much information found here will be useful to singers and to those who have the training of the voices of the young.

J. W. D.

*Memorial Services of Commemoration Day, held in Canton, May 30, 1879, under the Auspices of the Revere Encampment, Post 94, Grand Army of the Republic.* Boston: William Bense, Printer, 35 Congress Street. 1879. [8vo. pp. 22.]

The address at the services to which this pamphlet is devoted, was by Samuel B. Noyes, Esq., of Canton. It is printed here in full, and ably reviews the services of the soldiers of Canton in the late civil war, and the patriotic services of American citizens of all nationalities.

J. W. D.

*The Æneid of Virgil, translated into English.* By JOHN D. LONG. Boston: Lockwood, Brooks & Company. 1879. [12mo. pp. 431.]

Although Gov. Long describes his translation of Virgil's Æneid as "a busy man's work and not a scholar's," yet it seems to us to possess such striking merits as to entitle it to a high rank among the best versions of the great Latin Epic.

We imagine that it was the author's intention to furnish a translation for the use of the general reader rather than of the student. A requisite of a translation having such an object in view is, that it should be made *interesting* to those not familiar with the original. This is one great merit of Pope's translation of the Iliad, and has given it a permanent place in literature in spite of its unfaithfulness to the original. Mr. Long seems to us to have been especially successful in this respect, and by the freshness and beauty of his style has made the Æneid almost as interesting, judged as a story only, as Scott's "Marmion." While accomplishing this result he has closely followed the original, unlike Dryden, who in his translation of the Æneid, perhaps influenced by the requirements of rhyme, so altered and expanded the original, that, while admiring the genius of the translator, we miss the simplicity and beauty of Virgil's style, very much as we miss the charm of Chaucer's Tales in the same author's paraphrase of them.

Mr. Long has wisely, we think, chosen for his metre the pentameter, the heroic measure of English poetry, as more nearly reproducing the effect of Virgil's hexameter, than would the English hexameter, which is more rapid and less stately in its movement, and therefore less in the heroic style. His verse in the narrative portions is generally smooth and flowing, while in the more elevated passages he displays a power of vigorous and pathetic writing which confirms the reputation which we understand he has long had among his personal friends for poetic talent. We notice an occasional use of obsolete and unusual words which appears to us questionable in point of taste, and we doubt whether the lively effect produced by the introduction of colloquialisms is not more than offset by the loss of dignity and beauty of style. We must not omit to notice the remarkable excellence of the manner in which the volume is produced, the beauty and appropriateness of the binding and clearness of the type rendering it equally pleasing to the eye, and easy of perusal.

T. B. PACE.

*The Mound Builders: being an Account of a Remarkable People that once inhabited the Valleys of the Ohio and Mississippi; together with an Investigation into the Archaeology of Butler County, O.* By J. P. McLEAN, Author of "A Manual of the Antiquity of Man," and "Mastodon, Mammoth and Man." Illustrated with over One Hundred Figures. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1879. [Cloth. 12mo. pp. 233. With archæological map. Price \$1.50. Sold by A. Williams & Co., Boston, Mass.]

This is a genuine contribution to the literature of an interesting subject. The existence, antiquity, character, works and fate of such a pre-historic race upon our continent, furnish a theme to challenge the attention of the antiquarian, scientist and poet. It startles us to think of a people, numerous, ingenious, powerful, cultivating broad fields, building vast works for war or for religion, and waging mighty wars, and passing to oblivion in a past so remote that the most ancient of the Red Men is a child of yesterday in comparison. But even this does not satisfy our author. It is quite clear to him that the Mound Builders were succeeded by another distinct people whom he names the Villagers, whose cultivated gardens are super-imposed upon the long abandoned earthworks of the earlier race; and who, in their turn, vanished. Of the conclusiveness of the author's reasoning upon this and other questions, we are not prepared to speak. It is frankly conceded that one who has mastered a subject by thorough study can see the real force of arguments which are Greek to a novice. But in this work, "it is clear," and kindred phrases, remind us of the experiences of a certain college class under the instruction of our learned mathematical professor. Whenever a particularly emphatic "now you see" flashed from his voice and eyes, his pupils were very sure of some point which most of them did not expect to see at all. The tone in which our author affirms that "the recent origin of man has been sufficiently exploded," smacks of dogmatism and scarcely inspires confidence. But as a volume recording careful observations and faithful descriptions, this work must have real value.

Two thirds of the volume are devoted to a general account of the Mound Builders, describing their enclosures, defensive and sacred mounds, works of art, mining operations, civilization, antiquity and fate. On the latter point the author inclines to



the theory of a migration southward, and a connection with the ancient Mexicans. The latter part of the book describes more minutely the archæology of Butler County, Ohio, in which the works of these Builders abound. The illustrations are numerous, and serve their purpose well.

H. A. HAZEN.

*Report of the Commissioner of Education for the Year 1877.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1879. [8vo. pp. 644.]

The above report for 1877, although late in being printed and distributed, is welcome to the friends of public education throughout the country. It contains the summaries of educational statistics in the different states, considers the schools for the colored race, the statistics of colleges and secondary schools, the degrees conferred, the libraries of the country, and the charitable and reformatory institutions. We commend what the commissioner has to say about the value of school and college catalogues, their great historical value and the desirability of every institution which issues one, as well as a few of the large public libraries, keeping a complete file of the same. The commissioner thinks there is no excuse for the continued publishing of what are termed "triennial" catalogues in the Latin language. Gen. Eaton shows by his report what is being done for the education of the people, and how much land still remains to be possessed in this direction. The volume has a good index.

W. S. A.

*The Place of the Practical Man in American Public Affairs.* By HAMILTON ANDREW HILL. Boston: A. Williams & Co., Washington Street. 1879. [8vo pp. 20.]

This is a paper read before the American Social Science Association, at its annual meeting in Saratoga Springs, Sept. 11, 1879. Mr. Hill shows that the country would be benefited by a larger representation of business men, of high character and properly trained, in the legislative and executive departments of government. "At the present time," he writes, "the president of the United States, the vice-president, every member of the cabinet, with one exception, and nearly all the high officials in the government, are lawyers. In Congress five-sevenths of the senators and three-fourths of the representatives are members of the same profession; while one might count the business men on the fingers of one's two hands." It was different during the revolution and in the early days of the republic.

The subject is ably handled, and the paper is very suggestive.

J. W. D.

*The Building and Voyage of the Griffon in 1679.* By O. H. MARSHALL. . . . [Buffalo, N. Y. :] Bigelow Brothers, Publishers. [1879. 8vo. pp. 36.]

In August last two centuries were completed since the Griffon, a small vessel, projected and built by the adventurous Chevalier de la Salle, sailed from Niagara on a voyage of discovery on the upper lakes. This paper, which is devoted to a history of the Griffon till her loss in Lake Michigan on her return voyage, was read nearly seventeen years ago, Feb. 3, 1863, before the Buffalo Historical Society. It has been revised and enlarged, and was printed in the Publications of that society in August, 1879, the bi-centenary of the event. From that serial the present pamphlet is reprinted.

Mr. Marshall has long been known as a student of the history of French discovery in the west, as is shown by a paper in the New York Historical Society's Collections, over thirty years ago. The present tract bears evidence of his usual research.

J. W. D.

*Sketch of the Early History of Banking in Vermont.* [Boston: 1879. Paper, 8vo. pp. 26.]

The author of this pamphlet is George P. Reed, of Boston, whose life of the Hon. John Read was noticed in the REGISTER for April, 1879 (*ante*, xxxiii. 262). This sketch was written several years ago, and was read before the Vermont Historical Society. It relates more particularly to the Vermont State Bank, the first banking institution in that state, and the only one to the year 1818, when private banks were chartered. It was established by an act of the legislature in 1808, and went into operation the same year. It consisted of two branches, one at Woodstock and the other at Middlebury. It began in February, 1806, to issue bills which were of various denominations from fifty cents to three dollars. Its active existence was only about a dozen years, though its affairs were not all settled till 1845. This monograph is a useful addition to the financial history of New England.

J. W. D.

*The Huguenots in the Nipmuck Country, or Oxford* [Mass.], prior to 1713. By GEORGE F. DANIELS. With an Introduction by OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES. [Motto.] Boston: Estes & Lauriat. 1880. [Cloth, 12mo. pp. 168. Price \$1.25.]

This work of Mr. Daniels is one of the finest historical studies which has appeared for some time. It is upon a subject full of interest. It is the story of a brave few who came to our shores and went back into the wilderness to endure the hardships of frontier life, privation and the assaults of the savage. This company of Huguenots arrived in Boston in 1686, and settled on land granted by President Dudley and others in the present towns of Oxford and Charlton. These settlers were earnest, brave and pious. Their labors in the wilderness testify of their industry. But many things were against them. The Indians chiefly were at work making inroads upon the new made settlements, and coming upon New Oxford murdered some of the people, who after enduring much returned to Boston, where they could be more secure. There were some thirty families in all; and among them those to be remembered by Boston especially are the descendants of the Beaudoin [Bowdoin] and Faneuil families, and by the readers of English literature, Mrs. Sigourney [Sigourné]. Rev. Dr. Abel Holmes, in 1830, prepared a monograph which was published in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, entitled "Mémorial of French Protestants Settled at Oxford [Mass.], 1686." The history of this settlement has been sought into by others, only briefly however, and Mr. Daniels, with an evident love for the undertaking, has prepared this work. It was fitting that Oliver Wendell Holmes, son of the Rev. Dr. Holmes, should write the introduction. This book is written in a fine style, graphic and every way fascinating. It displays care and painstaking on every page. It has an excellent index.

A. TRUS, JR.

*The Dover (N. H.) Physicians. Read before the New Hampshire Medical Society, June 17, 1879.* By JOHN RANDOLPH HAM, M.D., of Dover. Concord: Printed by Evans, Sleeper & Evans. 1879. [Paper, 8vo. pp. 22.]

Dr. Ham has performed a serviceable labor in compiling the biographies of these seventy-five Dover physicians, ranging from the year 1631 to the present time. The author is a zealous and painstaking antiquary, and must have bestowed much labor in collecting the materials used in the sketches. Of few of these physicians had biographies been printed, and the facts in the lives of most of them were scattered and difficult to obtain.

J. W. D.

*Bibliotheca Americana. 1878. Catalogue of a Valuable Collection of Books and Pamphlets relating to America. With a Descriptive List of Robert Clarke & Co.'s Historical Publications.* For sale by Robert Clarke & Co. Cincinnati. 1878. [8vo. pp. 262 64. Price 50 cts.]

*Bibliotheca Americana. Catalogue of a Valuable Collection of Books and Pamphlets relating to America. Supplement for 1879.* For sale by Robert Clarke & Co., 65 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati. 1879. [8vo. pp. 92.]

The "Bibliotheca Americana" of Messrs. Robert Clarke & Co., for 1878, contains nearly seven thousand titles relating to America, and is a valuable aid to librarians and private collectors of "Americana." The Supplement contains recent additions and new books, also books reduced in price, which Messrs. Clarke & Co. can supply. It is sent gratis to the old patrons of the firm.

J. W. D.

*Presentation of the Statue of Washington to the City of Newburyport.* [Newburyport:] Printed by order of the City Council. 1879. [Paper, 8vo. pp. 75. For sale by A. Williams & Co., Boston. Price 25 cts.]

The name of Washington should never grow old. Mr. Daniel Ingalls Tenny, loving the place of his birth and his country, and possessing an abundance of this world's goods, was pleased to present to the city of Newburyport, a superb statue of Washington. It is an honor to the place. It reflects credit to the artist, Mr. J. Q. A. Ward, and places Mr. Tenney among the public benefactors.

This pamphlet gives an account of the unveiling of the statue on the 22d of February, 1878. The chief address on this occasion was by the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D.D., bishop of Rhode Island, whose address was full of enthusiasm and heartiness. The work has a view of the statue, a portrait of Mr. Tenney, of New York city, the donor of the statue, and other illustrations. It will be prized by the citizens and natives of Newburyport.

A. T. JR.

*King's Pocket Book of Cincinnati.* Edited and published by Moses King, Harvard College, Mass. [1879. Cloth, 18mo. pp. 88.]

We have here, alphabetically arranged, a variety of interesting facts relative to Cincinnati, past and present. The dictionary form has advantages over other forms for a handbook about our cities: as we can refer at once to the subjects about which we wish to obtain information without being subjected to the delay of consulting an index. Mr. King has had experience in preparing such works. His "Hand-Book of Boston" was noticed in the REGISTER for April last (*ante*, xxxiii. 265).

J. W. D.

*Barnes's One-Term History. A Brief History of the United States for Schools.* [Motto.] A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, Chicago and New Orleans. [1879. 12mo. pp. 298+xlvi. Sold by Nichols & Hall, Boston.]

This work, which was first issued in 1871, has recently been thoroughly revised and brought down to the present time. It has been extensively introduced as a text-book into our public schools, and seems well adapted for the purpose. It is written in a clear and simple style. Maps and pictures are used to impress the events on the scholar's memory and make the subject attractive to him. It has an excellent index, a rare merit in school books.

J. W. D.

*Biographical Encyclopædia of Massachusetts of the Nineteenth Century.* [Memoir of the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, Ph.D.] New York: Metropolitan Publishing and Engraving Company. 1879. [Royal 4to. pp. 13.]

*Memoir of Marshall P. Wilder.* By JOHN H. SHEPPARD, A.M. .... Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers. 1867. [8vo. pp. 54.]

*Sketch of the Life and Services of Marshall P. Wilder.* Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers. 1871. [Royal 8vo. pp. 27.]

*Address delivered at the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Sept. 12, 1879.* By MARSHALL P. WILDER, Ex-President of the Society. Boston: Franklin Press: Rand, Avery & Co. 1879. [8vo. pp. 27.]

*Address at the Seventeenth Session of the American Pomological Society, held in Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 17, 18, 19, 1879.* By MARSHALL P. WILDER, President of the Society. Published by the Society. 1879. [8vo. pp. 23. Printed by Tolman & White, Boston.]

In a life of more than four-score years, Col. Wilder has been active in organizing and furthering enterprises for the benefit of his fellow men. Few men can look back upon so fair a record.

The three memoirs whose titles are given at the head of this notice are all that have appeared separately, though we have before us a list of a score and upwards of biographies printed in books and periodicals. The pamphlet whose title heads the list is reprinted from the "Biographical Encyclopædia of Massachusetts," an elegant quarto just issued. The second pamphlet, by the late Mr. Sheppard, was reprinted from the REGISTER for 1867, and the third was written for "Boston Past and Present," by Arthur Gilman, A.M., of Cambridge.

During the last few years Col. Wilder's mind has been unusually active, and though early last year he met with a severe accident (*ante*, xxxiii. 357), we are happy to state that he has nearly recovered from it. His intellectual powers do not seem to have been affected by it, as the two addresses, whose titles we give, amply prove. His address before the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, delivered at the last annual meeting, and printed in the REGISTER for April, 1879, has been pronounced by good judges the best that he has delivered to this society. We hope his long and useful life will be prolonged many years.

J. W. D.

*St. Aspenquid of Mt. Agamenticus. An Indian Layl.* By JOHN ALBEE. Portsmouth: Published by Lewis W. Brewster, 1879. [Paper, 12mo. pp. 24.]

Mr. Albee is well known as a writer of graceful prose and verse. Living where the noble river of Pascataqua falls into the ocean, a region not only picturesque and abounding with historic incident, but fertile in tales of the olden times and Indian legend, he has become thoroughly imbued with the spirit of antiquity and poetry that broods over the place. Not many months since he wrote an exquisite sonnet on "Champerowne's Grave," on Cutts Island, gracefully blending the present with hoary age.

St. Aspenquid [See Farmer & Moore's Hist. Coll., iii. Ap. p. 85; Preble Genealo-

gy, p. 12] and Accominticus—as I prefer to write it out of deference to Capt. John Smith, who first put this Indian name into English spelling—are inseparable. The story of St. Aspenquid—the only saint in the Indian Calendar—is neatly and prettily told, and will find many sympathetic readers. A new and fresh interest in that whole region starts up on reading this fine poem. C. W. TURTLE.

*A Historical Memoir of Billerica in Massachusetts, containing Notices of the Principal Events in the Civil and Ecclesiastical Affairs of the Town, from its First Settlement to 1816.* By JOHN FARMER. Published by Request. Amherst, N.H.: Printed by R. Boylston, 1816. [8vo. pp. 36. Reprinted for G. M. Elliott, Lowell, 1879. Price \$1.]

This is one of the earliest publications of John Farmer, the well known New England antiquary, of whom a memoir and portrait will be found in our first volume. The book has long been one of the rarest of our local histories, and has commanded a very high price when offered for sale. We believe that it has brought from ten to fifteen dollars. Mr. Elliott has reprinted a small edition of the work, and has produced a perfect fac-simile of the original, even to the blue-paper covers and the stitching. Many collectors will be glad to add this to their rarities.

J. W. D.

*Antiquarian Papers.* Ipswich, Mass. 1879. [Sm. 4to. No. 1. October: No. II. November; each pp. 4. Published by the Rev. Augustus Caldwell, P. O. Box 159. Ipswich, Mass.]

*Historical Sketch read at the Sixtieth Anniversary of the First Parish Sabbath School, Ipswich, Mass., Sunday, June 30, 1878.* By MRS. EUNICE C. COWLES. [8vo. pp. 12.]

Under the title of "Antiquarian Papers" the Rev. Mr. Caldwell has commenced a small monthly periodical devoted to antiquarian matters relative to Ipswich, which he has distributed gratis. He writes us: "It is not intended for circulation out of Ipswich. I thought if the people there could have their attention called to their early history, it might quicken an interest, and be a stepping stone to something better and more substantial." Ipswich is one of our oldest towns, and many in all parts of the union trace their ancestry to it. We hope the work will have many subscribers besides those in Ipswich. In future there will be a charge of ten cents a year.

Mrs. Cowles's historical sketch of the First Parish Sabbath School in that town is an important addition to the history of Sabbath schools in this country, as well as to the annals of the town. Few Sunday schools, we think, can show a continuous existence of sixty years.

J. W. D.

*Wide Awake: an Illustrated Magazine for Young People.* ELLA FARMAN, Editor. D. Lothrop & Co., Publishers, Boston. [Sm. 4to. Published Monthly. Pp. 62, each number. Price \$2 a year.]

The December number of this really "wide-awake" magazine has been published, completing a volume. It is filled with interesting matter for young people.

We are indebted to the publishers for the use of the steel-plate of the portrait of Amos Lawrence, Esq., used in the REGISTER.

J. W. D.

*Cincinnati's Beginnings. Missing Chapters of the Early History of the City and the Miami Purchase; Chiefly from hitherto Unpublished Documents.* By FRANCIS W. MILLER. Cincinnati: Peter G. Thompson, Publisher. 1880. [Cloth, 12mo. pp. 235. Price \$1.75.]

Everything concerning the beginning of so important a city as Cincinnati is valuable; and this volume, which relates the incidents in the early history of that place in the words of the actors in those events, is gladly welcomed. Much has been written and printed relative to the North West Territory and its settlement; and the interest in the subject seems to increase rather than lessen. The "Ordinance of 1787," passed for its government, and the part which this ordinance played in the struggle between freedom and slavery, has made the main features of its history familiar to the nation. Every new fact in its annals is appreciated.

The principal source of information in this volume seems to have been the letters of the Hon. John Cleves Symmes, the father-in-law of President Harrison, from which large and interesting extracts are made. Judge Symmes was the founder of the settlements in the Miami country, which included what is now Cincinnati, and the statements in these letters are of the highest authority.

J. W. D.

*Dear Christmas Days. A Song for the Season.* Written and Composed by E. R. HUMPHREYS, LL.D., Principal of the Collegiate School, Boston; and Dedicated to the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Mass. Boston: G. D. Russell & Company, 126 Tremont, opp. Park Street. [1879. Sheet music, pp. 5.]

Dr. Humphreys has an established reputation as a writer, having published much in England and since he came to this country. His works are marked by vigor of thought and classical and elegant diction. This Christmas song will be prized by lovers of poetry and music. J. W. D

*A History of the Starr Family of New England, from the Ancestor, Dr. Comfort Starr, of Ashford, county of Kent, England, who emigrated to Boston, Mass., in 1635; containing the Names of 6766 of his Descendants, and the Record and History of 1974 Families.* By BURGIS PRATT STARR. [Motto.] Hartford, Conn.: The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co. Print. 1879. [Cloth, 8vo. pp. 577.]

*Genealogy of that Branch of the Russell Family which comprises the Descendants of John Russell, of Woburn, Massachusetts. 1640—1878.* By JOHN RUSSELL BARTLETT. Providence: Privately Printed. 1879. [Cloth. Royal 8vo. pp. 212.]

*Record of the Descendants of William Sumner, of Dorchester, Mass., 1636.* By WILLIAM SUMNER APPLETON. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers. 1879. [Cloth. Royal 8vo. pp. 204. Price \$2. Sold by William Parsons Lunt, 42 Congress St.]

*Genealogy of the Caverly Family from the Year 1116 to the Year 1880, made Profitable and Exemplified by Many a Lesson of Life.* Lowell, Mass.: George M. Elliott, Publisher, 1880. [Large 12mo. pp. 196, Cloth. Price \$3.]

*Major Timothy Hatch, of Hartford, Ct., and his Descendants.* By EDWARD HATCH FLETCHER, of New York City. Printed for the Author by Thaddeus B. Mead. New York: 1879. [Cloth, 12mo. pp. 36. Price \$1.50. To be had of the author, 481 West 51st Street, New York city.]

*Genealogy of the Family of Solomon Drowne, M.D., of Rhode Island, with Notices of his Ancestors. 1646—1879.* By HENRY T. DROWNE. Providence: Providence Press Company, Printers. 1879. [Paper, 8vo. pp. 16.]

*A Partial Genealogy of the Descendants of Samuel Parsons, of East Hampton, L. I. 1630. Constructed Mainly from Town and Church Records.* By GEORGE R. HOWELL, of Albany, N. Y. (formerly of Southampton, L. I.) Albany: 1879. [8vo. pp. 20.]

*John Waldron of Dover, N. H., and his Descendants.* [Dover, 1879. 8vo. pp. 10. Price 50 cts. Address Rev. A. H. Quint, Dover, N. H.]

*The Vernon Family and Arms.* . . . By HARRISON ELLERY, of Boston, Mass. [Boston, 1879. 8vo. pp. 8.]

*Paine Family Records.* Edited by H. D. PAINE, M.D. . . . Joel Munsell, Printer, Albany, N. Y. [No. III. May, 1879. No. IV. August, 1879. No. V. November, 1879. [8vo. each 24 pp. Price \$1 a year or 30 cts. a number. Address the editor, 26 West 30th Street, New York City.]

*The Weare Family of Hampton, New Hampshire, and North Yarmouth, Maine.* By WILLIAM M. SARGENT. "Old Times" Office, Yarmouth, Me. 1879. [Paper, 8vo. pp. 8.]

*Report, Full, Authentic and Complete, of all the Addresses and Proceedings of the Memorable First Reunion of the Dodge Family in America, by the Representatives of the American Branch at Salem, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, July 10th, 1879, being the 250th Anniversary of the Arrival of their Ancestors from England, and the Founding of Salem.* By ROBERT DODGE, of New York City. For the Benefit of the Genealogical Fund. New York: E. S. Dodge Printing Co. 1879. [Paper, Royal 8vo. pp. 53.]

*Dodge Memorial. Historical Address.* By ROBERT DODGE. [New York: 1879. Paper, 8vo. pp. 30.]

*Proceedings at the Dedication of a Monument to Sergeant Abraham Staples, of Mendon, Massachusetts, October 31, 1877.* Providence: Sidney S. Rider. 1880. [8vo. pp. 55.]

We continue our notices of genealogical works recently published.

The Starr genealogy seems to be carefully compiled, and is very thorough in its details. The author informs his readers that "laid aside from active business

and from all the cares and excitements of a too busy life, actuated by honest pride of ancestral name, and deep interest" in his family history, he began, in his "somewhat wearisome retirement, the agreeable task of collecting these Starr records." Mr. Starr could not have used his leisure to better advantage than in collecting the materials for this volume and in compiling it. It was not his original intention to print his collections, but to deposit them in the Connecticut Historical Society at Hartford. He solicits corrections and additions, which will finally be placed in the library of that institution. The work is embellished with a view of the old Starr house at Guilford, Ct., 1694, and by several portraits. It has good indexes.

The Russell genealogy is by that veteran author and editor, the Hon. John R. Bartlett, of Providence, R. I. Labor, judgment and taste are every where shown in the volume before us. Full biographies of the prominent individuals in this family are given, and the volume is illustrated with fine views and portraits. It is thoroughly indexed. The author acknowledges his indebtedness for assistance to Messrs. Albert R. Cooke, Edward Braman and Henry T. Drowne.

The Sumner genealogy is a very full record of this family. A partial genealogy, by William B. Trask, was printed in the REGISTER a quarter of a century ago (*ante*, viii. 128 d; ix. 303). Mr. Appleton deserves much credit for the perseverance with which he has pursued his labors to make the work complete in its details. It is well printed, illustrated by portraits, and has an index of the heads of families.

In the book on the Caverly family, the genealogy proper is preceded by an oration delivered at Concord, N. H., to the "Congregated kindred" of Caverlys, by Robert Boodey Caverly, Esq., of the Massachusetts Bar. Mr. Caverly is a resident of Lowell, and the author of "Epics, Lyrics and Ballads;" "Duston and the Indian Wars of New England," and several other works. The genealogy itself is chiefly the work of the late Dr. Abiel M. Caverly, of Pittsford, Vt., who spent many years in collecting and arranging it for the press. Since his death in July last, his materials have been placed in the hands of the author of the above named oration, who has completed the work and has overseen the printing. The book is got up in a handsome manner, and is illustrated by a portrait of R. B. Caverly and other engravings.

The Hatch genealogy is devoted to the descendants of Maj. Timothy Hatch, a revolutionary soldier. He was a son of Capt. Zephaniah Hatch, of Guilford, Ct., who was probably descended from the Hatch family of Falmouth, Mass., the early generations of which are printed in the REGISTER (*ante*, xiv. 197), but his connection with it has not been traced. The book is well compiled, is handsomely printed and has good indexes.

The Drowne genealogy is a reprint of the chapter on this family contributed by Mr. Drowne to the Russell genealogy above noticed. It is carefully prepared, and illustrated by portraits of Dr. Solomon Drowne, the head of this branch, and of the author.

The Parsons genealogy is a partial record of the Long Island family. The compiler is the author of a History of Southampton. His present work is well arranged and handsomely printed.

The Weare genealogy is reprinted from the January number of Corliss's *Old Times*, which valuable magazine has been twice noticed in the REGISTER (*ante*, xxxii. 341; xxxiii. 125). Mr. Sargent corrects some errors in previous writers, and has much new matter.

The Waldron genealogy first appeared in the "Historical Memoranda" columns of the *Dover Enquirer*, last summer. The author, the Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., of Dover, N. H., is one of our best genealogists, and is particularly well versed in matters relating to Dover. Only a small edition of this pamphlet was printed.

The Vernon genealogy is reprinted from the REGISTER for July last. Our readers are familiar with its merits.

The "Paine Family Record" is a quarterly periodical devoted to the genealogy of the various families of Paine in this country. It contains much material which will be useful in compiling the genealogical work which Dr. Paine has in contemplation. We have already noticed the magazine twice (*ante*, xxxiii. 129, 267) in the REGISTER.

The next pamphlet, as its title shows, contains a full report of the proceedings at the Dodge family gathering at Salem, last summer. At this meeting a committee consisting of Reuben R. Dodge of Wilkinsonville, Mass., Christopher G. Dodge of Providence, R. I., Major Ben: Perley Poore of West Newbury, and the Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Dodge of Hamilton, N. Y., was chosen to prepare and publish a genealogy of the family. The chairman of the committee, Mr. Dodge of Wilkinsonville, Mass., has for years been collecting materials for such a work. We hope all interested will assist the committee in their praiseworthy and laborious work.

The next pamphlet contains the historical address at the above meeting, reprinted from the preceding work. This address, which was delivered by Robert Dodge, of New York city, is an able performance.

The last pamphlet contains the proceedings at the dedication of a monument erected to the memory of Sergeant Abraham Staples, one of the first settlers of the town of Mendon. The historical address is by the Rev. Carlton A. Staples, of Providence, and contains, besides an account of Sergeant Staples, much interesting matter concerning his ancestry and descendants.

J. W. D.

*History of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, containing Carefully Prepared Histories of every City and Town in the County, by well-known Writers; and a General History of the County, from the Earliest to the Present Time.* By SAMUEL ADAMS DRAKE, Author of "Old Landmarks of Boston," "Nooks and Corners of the New England Coast," etc. Vol. I. Illustrated. Boston: Estes and Lauriat, Publishers, 301 Washington Street. 1890. [Cloth, 4to. pp. 505.] Subscription Price \$7.50 a volume in bevelled cloth, or \$10.00 a volume in half morocco, marbled edges.]

In April, 1878 (*ante*, xxxii. 241), we announced this work as in preparation. We have the pleasure of informing our readers that the first volume of the work is now ready for delivery to subscribers.

The history of the county itself, which has never before been written, is very full, filling one hundred and seventy-nine quarto pages, more than a third of the volume. It is from the pen of Mr. Drake himself. The rest of the volume contains histories of the several towns, alphabetically arranged, from Acton to Hudson. A second volume will complete the work, and contain the remaining towns in the county. These town histories are by writers selected for their knowledge of the history of the several localities, and have been revised by the editor. Of many of these towns no history has before been printed.

The work will sustain the reputation of the author of "Nooks and Corners," and that is saying a great deal. The volume reaches us as we are closing our book notices, and we have not time to review it properly. We shall express our opinion more fully in the next number.

J. W. D.

### *The Historical and Genealogical Register*

Contains, besides these "Book Notices," a variety of valuable and interesting matter concerning the History, Antiquities, Genealogy and Biography of America. It was commenced in 1847, and is the oldest historical periodical now published in this country. It is issued quarterly (each number containing at least 96 octavo pages, with a portrait on steel) by the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, 18 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass. Price, \$3 per annum in advance. Single numbers, 75 cents each.

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*Los Restos de Colon en Santo Domingo.* Por EMILIANO TEJERA. [Devico.] Santo Domingo: Imprenta de Garcia Hermanos. 1878. [Royal 8vo. pp. 75.]

*Los Restos de Colon. Informe de la Real Academia de la Historia al Gobierno de S. M. sobre el Supuesto Hallazgo de los Verdaderos Restos de Cristóbal Colon en la Iglesia Catedral de Santo Domingo. Publicado por el Ministerio de Fomento.* Madrid: Imprenta y Fundicion de M. Tello, Impresor de Cámara de S. M. Isabel la Católica, 23. 1879. [18mo. pp. 197.]

*Los Restos de Cristobal Colon en la Catedral de Santo Domingo, Contestacion al Informe de la Real Academia de la Historia al Gobierno de S. M. El Rey de España.* Por Monseñor ROQUE COCCHIA, de la Orden de Capuchinos, Arzobispo de Sirace, Vicario Apostólico de la Arquidiócesis de Santo Domingo y cerca de la misma República y de las Haití y de Venezuela Delegado Apostólico. [Motto.] Santo Domingo: Imprenta de Garcia Hermanos. 1879. [Super Royal 8vo. pp. 339.]

*E. Tejera. Los dos Restos de Cristobal Colon exhumados de la Catedral de Santo Domingo en. 1795 i 1877.* [Motto.] Santo Domingo: Imprenta de Garcia Hermanos. 1879. [Super Royal 8vo. pp. 111.]

In the autumn of 1877 the world was startled by the publication of a pastoral letter from the Bishop of Oropo, in the Republic of San Domingo, announcing the finding of the remains of Columbus, the discoverer of the New World, in the chancel of the cathedral church in the city of San Domingo, and proposing to raise there an appropriate monument to his memory. Hardly had the remembrance of the pomp and circumstance of the removal of the venerable remains of the Great Admiral from San Domingo to Havana, at the close of the last century, gone from aged persons in those places, when this surprising intelligence was made public.

Columbus died at Valladolid in Spain, May 20, 1506, and his body was temporarily deposited in the convent of San Francisco of that place. In 1513 it was removed to the Carthusian Convent of Santa Maria in Seville, with the view of being

taken to San Domingo, in the Indies, for final interment, pursuant, it is said, to the equest of the deceased Great Admiral. In 1536, the remains of Columbus, and also those of his eldest son, Don Diego, who had died in 1526, were removed from this convent to be transported to San Domingo in the new world.

In 1540, on petition of Doña Maria de Toleda, widow of Don Diego Columbus, and niece of the famous duke of Alva, the emperor Charles V. granted a place in the chancel of the Cathedral Church in San Domingo, for the burial of the remains of the Great Admiral and members of his family. It seems that the remains of Columbus and his son Don Diego were not deposited in the Cathedral Church of San Domingo before 1541, five years after they were taken away from the convent in Seville. Where were they during this period? The ancient archives of the old cathedral in San Domingo are missing; and the exact place of interment of the remains of Columbus, as well as those of his son, Don Diego, is preserved only in tradition, which uniformly assigned to the former a vault on the gospel side of the great altar, where they, or the remains of some person, were found in 1795 and removed to Havana and buried in the cathedral of that city.

In 1795 Spain ceded to France that part of the Island where the cathedral stands; and it was thereupon resolved that the remains of Columbus should be removed to the cathedral church of Havana, that they might continue under the protection of the Spanish flag, a removal in plain violation of the expressed wish of the Great Admiral. This was done with great civic and military display, and high religious ceremonial, at the end of that year.

In 1877, while workmen were making some repairs on the epistle side of the great altar in this Cathedral Church of San Domingo, the remains of Don Luis, a well known grandson of Columbus, were discovered enclosed in a metallic case, having his name and titles plainly engraved thereon. This discovery led to further exploration in the mortuary places in the chancel, and to the finding of the remains now believed to be those of the Great Admiral, in or near the place tradition had assigned for their deposit on the gospel side of the great altar. They were enclosed in a metallic case and lying in a stone vault, within six inches of an empty vault from which it is supposed the alleged remains of Columbus had been taken in 1795 and carried to Havana. The outside of the lid bore an inscription, which being extended in English, is as follows: "Discoverer of America, First Admiral." The bishop being informed of this, immediately summoned the President of the republic and other official persons, civil and military, to attend the opening of this metallic case, and examination of its contents. The company being assembled and the lid raised, there was found another inscription inside, as follows: "The Illustrious and Noble Baron Don Christopher Columbus." At each end and also on the back of the metallic coffin, were the words, "Christopher Columbus, Admiral." Lying in the leaden coffin were a considerable number of human bones, with dust, a leaden bullet, and also a thin metal plate having this inscription on one side, "A part of the remains of the first Admiral Don Christopher Columbus, Discoverer." On the other side of this plate was inscribed "Christopher Columbus."

It is manifest that these various inscriptions were designed to apply to no other than the Great Admiral; and no question of identity would likely have arisen but for the remains taken to Havana in 1795.

The finding of these remains so fully marked for identification, in or near the place tradition had assigned for those of the immortal Columbus, naturally turns attention to the marks by which the remains taken to Havana in 1795 were recognized and identified. Strange to say, there were no marks to identify them. The finger of ancient tradition pointed to a nameless vault on the gospel side of the altar, wherein were found a few plates of lead, some fragments of human bones, and a small heap of ashes. Without further verification these were gathered up and taken to Havana as the remains of the discoverer of the New World. This same tradition then and there pointed to the epistle side of that venerable altar as the tomb of Bartholomew, brother of the Great Admiral. There, in 1877, were found the remains of Don Luis, grandson of the Great Admiral, not those of his brother Bartholomew, the Adelantado. So much for the accuracy of the tradition invoked in 1795 to point out the remains of the discoverer of the New World.

It seems there had long been in San Domingo a belief, particularly among the ecclesiastics, that fraud or blunder had prevented the removal of the veritable remains of Columbus to Havana; that the remains of another member of his family were carried away instead. In this belief the Bishop had come to share; and when the remains of Don Luis were accidentally discovered in 1877, he immediately di-

rected further examination of the vaults in the chancel, a direction that led to the discovery of these remains on the gospel side of the altar.

Upon hearing of this discovery of the alleged remains of Columbus, the Spanish government referred the examination of the evidence to the Royal Academy of History of Madrid. At the request of the Academy another and more searching examination of this metallic coffin and its contents was had some months later.

The Spanish government has now printed the very learned and elaborate report of the Academy of History. It is illustrated with views of the metallic coffin and its contents, and with fac-similes of the various inscriptions. The appendix to the report contains a large number of extracts, from various writers, bearing on the history of the remains of Columbus and of his descendants, and also many official documents.

The conclusion of this learned report is adverse to the claims of the Bishop of Oropo and of the municipal authorities of San Domingo. Among other things set forth to sustain this view are these: That it is incredible that those who were charged with the removal of the remains of the Great Admiral to Havana, should have been deceived in the undertaking; that the name "America" on the lid could not have been placed there by a descendant of Columbus, nor at that date nor for a century later by the Spanish people; that the inscription, as well as the letters, belong to a later period than that of Columbus; that the bones are too well preserved to be those of the Great Admiral, and that they are the remains of Christopher Columbus, a grandson of the Great Admiral and younger brother of Don Luis. As the name America appears only on the outside of the lid, it is possible that this inscription was placed there at a later period, to show, without removing the lid, that the remains of the Great Admiral were contained in the casket.

A previous publication on this subject, favoring the Dominican theory, was issued in San Domingo in 1878, by the Señor Emiliano Tejera. This also has some good representations of the coffin and its contents; and *fac-similes* of the various inscriptions. It contains numerous extracts from historical writers bearing on this subject, and also official documents.

The removal, or even the attempt at removal, of the venerable remains of the Great Admiral from San Domingo, where they had been quietly inurned with those of his own nearest kindred for nearly three centuries, by the Spanish authorities, was a piece of national egotism and abuse, not justified by any sufficient reason that has yet been given. Who had better right to select the site of his sepulchre than he who had discovered half the surface of the globe? Columbus had expressly desired that his remains might rest forever in that beautiful tropical Isle, one of the fruits of his earliest discoveries in the New World—an isle named by him Hispaniola from its many real or fancied resemblances, in his eyes, to the sunnier and fairer parts of Spain, although believing it to be the ancient Ophir. Thither they were borne, spared by winds and waves, and interred in the metropolitan church. There they were as free from violence under one flag as another; for the name and memory of the discoverer of the New World have always been and always will be held in veneration and remembrance by all people and all nations. If the Spaniards have been defeated in their attempt to tear away the remains of Columbus from his beloved Hispaniola, there are but few who will regret their failure.

A century later the greatest genius of England thought fit to prevent the removal and confounding of his ashes, by that fearful and solemn menace:

“Cursed be he that moves my bones.”

That Columbus should have survived so many perils of the ocean during his long Atlantic voyages, to die on land among his own kindred, and now the identity of his remains be in dispute, is truly amazing. It is manifest that carelessness, negligence and national ingratitude, have bequeathed to posterity a new and endless controversy. The Spaniards and the Dominicans are each confident that they possess the veritable remains of Columbus, the first Admiral of the Indies.

Spain has never been distinguished for gratitude shown to men of genius. To Columbus, though of foreign birth, who carried her banners into unknown seas, unlocked the mysteries of the ocean, made a peerless discovery and conquest, and overspread the Spanish monarchy and nation with imperishable glory, she owed a mausoleum more sumptuous and more enduring than her Escorial. Other nations would have recorded his name and achievements in gold on lasting pillars, and marked his grave with a memorial befitting a nation's gratitude and veneration. But her want of appreciation of exalted worth, and her neglect to commemo-

rate its achievements, sent the great Columbus to a grave so obscurely marked and identified that none is now sure where his remains rest. What a princely gift to a nation and people, and what a return!

“A Castilla y a Leon  
Neuvo Mundo dió Colon.”

This question of the identity of the remains of Columbus, now so warmly disputed, is far from being a local or even a national one. The civilized world desires to know where lies the tomb of the greatest oceanic discoverer of any age or of any nation. The Roman Catholic Church, superior to human nationality, is interested in the preservation of the relics of her illustrious son, who first bore the symbol of her faith over a vast and unknown waste, and planted it forever in a New World.

This discussion has not failed to interest our Historical Societies. On two occasions, May 18, 1878, and Jan. 24, 1879, interesting communications were presented to the New Jersey Historical Society. So well satisfied was this Society of the discovery of the veritable remains of Columbus, that it passed resolutions favoring contributions from the United States towards erecting the proposed monument in San Domingo to the memory of Columbus. Mr. Charles H. Hart brought this subject to the attention of the Numismatic Society of Philadelphia in November last, and read an interesting paper, substantially agreeing with the action of the New Jersey Historical Society.

These few publications contain all the authentic information on this subject which had come to our knowledge at the time of writing. But the literature of this interesting subject grows apace. Since the Madrid report was published and received, we have from San Domingo two large pamphlets each filled with the discussion of the subject of the remains of the discoverer of the new world. One, though pamphlet in form, is more a book, since it contains over three hundred pages. It is from the pen of the Bishop, Monseñor Roque Cocchia, and contains, among other things, a vigorous and somewhat caustic review of the report of the Royal Academy of History, and a reaffirmation of his belief as expressed in the pastoral letter of September, 1877. The bishop also takes notice of all that has been written on this subject in all parts of the world, to the date of his pamphlet. The other pamphlet, by Señor Tejera, contains a fuller and more comprehensive discussion of this subject than his former pamphlet, besides additions. There is a temptation to briefly review these recent pamphlets, but the space assigned for this notice is already filled.

[By C. W. Tuttle, A.M., of Boston.]

*Memoirs and Letters of Captain W. Glanville Evelyn, of the 4th Regiment (“King’s Own”), from North America, 1774-1776.* Edited and Annotated by G. D. SCULL, Member of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the New England Historic, Genealogical Society of Boston, and the Harleian Society of London. Printed for Private Circulation by James Parker and Co., Oxford. 1879. [8vo. pp. 140. With full Index.]

Through just such contributions as that now made by Mr. Scull, we are filling out and rounding off the literature of the Revolution. Sixteen original letters written between July, 1774, and September, 1776, by an officer of the royal army, have been discovered, and are now put beyond the contingency of loss. The writer of these letters, Captain W. Glanville Evelyn, was a captain in the 4th, or King’s Own, regiment, which landed in Boston, June 14, 1774, and encamped on Boston Common, forming the vanguard of the army destined to overcome or reduce to subjection the king’s rebellious American colonies. The letters being addressed to his relations in Ireland and England, naturally contain much of little historical value, but they all embrace more or less information upon the events which crowded those years covered by the correspondence with such momentous consequences.

Those investigators who have ransacked the printed and manuscript records of their own country over and over again, have naturally turned to the records of the British war office, and of the regiments then serving in America, for additional light upon important military operations of the Revolution. The annals of a few only of these regiments have been printed. What they preserve, though important, is unfortunately too little. For example, the history of the 4th, the corps in which Captain Evelyn served, printed in 1836; of the 5th (Lord Percy’s), printed in 1837, show that very little effort was made to procure full and authentic data of the services of these battalions. What has been done by Mr. Scull suggests with much

force what might have been done forty-four years ago, when many of the actors in our war were still living. The histories of the 52d, of the Royal Artillery, and of the Royal Marines, are more recent and more full, and should they be followed by similar publications, something may still be added to our stock of military knowledge.

So far as Captain Evelyn is himself concerned, he came to America a young man of thirty-two, imbued with all the prejudices then so popular with the British army; and his first letters doubtless fairly express the feeling of contempt entertained by that army for Americans in general and for Bostonians in particular, whom he energetically describes as "rascals and poltroons." But we can pardon this hasty estimate made by a gallant but mistaken soldier, the more that after the conflict of the 19th of April, in which Captain Evelyn participated, and which he pleasantly denominates a "little fracas," we note the omission of all such epithets; and are pleased to see that the Americans have acquired his esteem by the argument he was so anxious to enforce—the argument of the sword. There is a large gap in the letters (June 6 to August 19), and so we have no report of that other "little fracas" at Bunker Hill, where the Captain was probably not present. He however took part in the affair at Lechmere's Point. In January, 1775, he accompanied Sir H. Clinton to the Carolinas, subsequently rejoining the army at New York, the capture of which is related in the fifteenth letter. In the sixteenth and last letter (dated N. Y., Sept. 25, 1776) addressed to his mother, Captain Evelyn briefly mentions his participation in the battle of Long Island. Wounded in a skirmish at Throg's Neck, Oct. 18, 1776, he died in New York of his wounds the following month.

Captain Evelyn's political insight was neither very keen nor very deep, but we cannot forbear mentioning his estimate of two prominent Bostonians. He ascribes the whole movement and direction of the Revolution "from New England to Georgia," to one man, Samuel Adams, who is of course, in his view, the greatest of demagogues and neediest of political adventurers. John Hancock is described (page 48) as "a poor contemptible fool, led about by Adams; and has spent a fortune of £30,000 upon that infamous crew; has sacrificed all he was worth in the world to the vanity of being admitted among them, and is now nearly reduced to a state of beggary."

The *Memoirs and Letters* are supplemented with an appendix containing sketches and memoranda relating to Col. Cleaveland, R. A., General Prescott, Col. Harcourt, Lieut. Edward T. Gould, Earl Percy, and a genealogical table which shows Captain Evelyn collaterally descended from the famous John Evelyn. Several fine autotype portraits illustrate the text; among them one of the letter-writer, Capt. Evelyn.

[By Samuel Adams Drake, Esq., of Melrose.]

*Reminiscences of Levi Coffin, the reputed President of the Underground Railroad; being a Brief History of the Labors of a Lifetime in behalf of the Slave, with the Stories of numerous Fugitives who gained their Freedom through his instrumentality, and many other Incidents.* Second Edition. With Appendix. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1880. [12mo. pp. 732. With portrait and full contents, but no index. Price \$2. Sold by Estes & Lauriat in Boston.]

This is a book of remarkable interest, and worthy of a place beside Mrs. Child's fascinating life of Isaac T. Hopper, between whom and Levi Coffin there were many points of strong resemblance. Both Friends, and both men of undaunted courage and ready wit in emergencies, as well as keen sympathy for the oppressed, they were well suited to the work to which both devoted a great share of their lives—that of aiding the fugitive from slavery on his way, and baffling his pursuers. In this volume Levi Coffin relates in a plain but graphic style the story of his services to the slave, in rendering which he cheerfully sacrificed his own interests, and often exposed himself to serious peril.

He was born in New Garden, Guilford County, North Carolina, Oct. 28, 1798. His father, however, was a native of the Island of Nantucket, his grandfather, William Coffin, being one of a company of Friends who emigrated from that island to North Carolina shortly before the revolutionary war. Levi's interest in the slave began in his early boyhood, and he soon became known among the negroes in the vicinity as their friend, and was often called upon by them for advice and assistance. In 1826 he removed to Newport, Wayne County, Indiana, where there was a large settlement of Friends, many of them his relatives or former neighbors in the south. Here he resided for twenty years, engaged in a successful business. To his regular occupation as a merchant he soon added that of sheltering, clothing and forward-

ing fugitive slaves. Though many of his neighbors sympathized with his views, he alone had the courage to receive the fugitives to his house, which soon became generally known among the colored people and the friends of the slave, as one of the most important stations upon the Underground Railroad. During his twenty years' residence at Newport he sheltered on an average more than one hundred fugitives annually, and such was his skill in evading pursuit, which was often close, that not a single fugitive whom he aided was ever captured. In this work he had the sympathy and efficient help of his wife.

On becoming convinced of the wrong of selling or using the products of slave labor, on which the profits of his business largely depended, he resolved to deal only in articles known to be the product of free labor, and, in 1847, removed to Cincinnati, where he opened a store for the sale of such articles only. Here he resided for the remainder of his life, and continued his work in behalf of the fugitives, nearly all who passed through the city being concealed in his house till they could be forwarded in safety. The volume abounds in interesting and often exciting narratives of the various cases in which he was engaged.

In 1864 he was sent to England by the Western Freedmen's Aid Commission, to solicit aid for the freedmen. His mission was entirely successful, and he remained abroad about a year, addressing meetings in England, Scotland and Ireland, and gaining the esteem and confidence of many of their most prominent and liberal citizens. He died September 16, 1877, at Avondale, near Cincinnati, full of years and honor.

The names of Levi Coffin and his wife Catharine Coffin ought to be held in lasting remembrance for their unselfish services to a despised and almost friendless class of people. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

[By T. B. Peck, Esq., of Melrose.]

*Biographical Encyclopædia of Massachusetts of the Nineteenth Century.* New York: Metropolitan Publishing and Engraving Co. 1879. [Royal 4to. pp. iii.+472+v.]

On the back, but not on the title-page, this book is labelled Vol. I. How many volumes of this rich and sumptuous work are to follow does not appear; and probably that question is left to be decided by circumstances. The present volume contains biographical notices, longer or shorter, of one hundred and forty Massachusetts men, in various walks of life, merchants, manufacturers, lawyers, doctors, statesmen, &c. So far as we discover, the only names that have ever worn the title of Rev. are Alonzo Ames Miner, and Ralph Waldo Emerson. In this respect the work might be called a little secular,—perhaps the Scotch deacon might say "worldly." Not far from seventy of these biographical notices are accompanied by choice and elegant engravings of their subjects. Another somewhat marked peculiarity of the work is, that the men commemorated are, for the most part, alive, some of them in old age and some in middle life. Of the dead, one or two have passed away since the volume was begun. The worthy president of our Society, the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, finds a fitting place in these pages. The long and discriminating notice of his life and public services is accompanied with a clear and life-like engraving. The volume numbers nearly five hundred pages, including the engravings, preface, index, &c. It is printed on rich and heavy paper, and is elegantly bound,—a work designed to serve for a parlor ornament rather than as a hand-book for easy and frequent reference.

[By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of West Newton.]

*A Memorial of Caleb Cushing from the City of Newburyport.* [Motto and Seal.] Newburyport: Published by order of the City Council. 1879. [Royal 8vo. pp. 178.]

"Caleb Cushing," says a recent writer, "belonged to that galaxy of public men, who, forty years ago, were in the eyes of the whole nation. Webster, Everett, Choate and Cushing form a group such as had never before appeared in the Commonwealth, and may never appear again. Their great fame was far from being due to the high public station they filled; but to their commanding abilities, extensive literary culture, great learning and eloquence, and supremacy in their professions. They were scholars, orators, statesmen and patriots, whose names and memories Massachusetts will not willingly let die."

The city of Newburyport, with which the name of Caleb Cushing is so intimately associated, held on the 8th of Oct. last, a memorial service to his memory, at which the Hon. George B. Loring delivered a eulogy.

The elegant volume before us contains Mr. Loring's oration and the other proceedings on that occasion. A biographical sketch by Charles W. Tuttle, Esq., formerly a law partner of Mr. Cushing, who is preparing an extended memoir of him, is added; also the tributes to the memory of the deceased statesman by the Massachusetts General Court, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Supreme Court of the United States, the Massachusetts Association at Washington, the Massachusetts Supreme Court, and the United States Circuit Court. A life-like carbon-photograph of Mr. Cushing when he was about seventy-five years old embellishes the volume.

*Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1879. [No. 1, 1879, pp. 21. No. 2, 1879, pp. 192. No. 3, 1879, pp. 37. No. 4, 1879, pp. 49. No. 5, pp. 37.]

It was a happy thought that induced Gen. Eaton, the commissioner of our Bureau of Education, to recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the propriety of publishing from time to time such information as is specially desired by those who administer the affairs of our school system. This Bureau has existed solely for collecting and disseminating educational information; it has sought continually all possible aid from the voluntary as well as official opinions expressed by those most skilled in matters of education. Well has it done its work. Circular number one contains the address of Gen. Eaton on "training schools for nurses," which he last year delivered before the school for the training of nurses in the city of Washington. The experience of nurses in our late war has extended the interest in this subject in our country. Training schools for nurses have already been established in several of our cities, and have vindicated the wisdom of their founders. They have already disseminated much useful information in regard to the care of the sick, and have helped to shorten the period of suffering, thereby saving many lives. This address should be read by every mother and nurse in the land. Circular number two contains much interesting information on the following topics: "Education in Switzerland," "Education at the Paris Exhibition," "Industrial Education," the "Needs of Education in the South," &c. Circular number three contains Dr. Edward Jarvis's essay on the "the value of common school education to common labor," which is illustrated by answers to inquiries addressed to employers, workmen and overseers. It would be well if all promoters of strikes in our country could read this admirable address, which shows great care and labor on the part of its author. Circular number four is given up to the consideration of "training schools of cookery." Many persons have become alarmed as they have observed more closely the extent and serious character of the evils caused by bad cookery; this feeling has been emphasized by the distress which was caused by the late depression in business, and there have been loud calls for information of what has been accomplished by instruction in this subject, especially in Europe, to meet this want. This valuable information has been collected and sent forth in this circular. May it have a wide reading by those who desire to know the "proper temperature of food," the "variety of food necessary to health," the "effects of indigestible foods," whether the "midday dinners are best for health," and many other like topics which we are all so much interested in. Circular number five is a résumé of the French Commissioner's report to the international exhibition of 1876 on American Education. It seems to be a friendly criticism of some things in American education, and a discriminating praise on other points. Many Americans will be interested to know what our French visitors say in regard to our system of popular education, which they will find in these thirty-seven pages.

[By Willard S. Allen, A.M., of East Boston.]

*Transactions of the Department of American History of the Minnesota Historical Society.* [Mottoes.] Minneapolis: Johnson, Smith & Harrison. 1879. [8vo. pp. 148.]

In the REGISTER for July, 1879 (xxxiii. 370), we noticed the "Department of American History," formed last spring by the Minnesota Historical Society, and the printed report of its "Transactions," at its preliminary and first regular meetings. The present pamphlet contains the proceedings and papers at all of the meetings for the year 1879. It is furnished with a good index. Much historical material relative to Minnesota and other western states is here rescued from oblivion. The Rev. Edward D. Neill, of Minneapolis, is the secretary of the Department, and a contributor of valuable papers to the "Transactions."



*The Life and Administration of Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Governor of the Provinces of New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, from 1697 to 1701. An Address delivered before the New York Historical Society at the Celebration of its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1879.* By FREDERICK DE PEYSTER, LL.D., F.R.H.S., President of the Society. New York: Published for the Society. 1879. [8vo. pp. 60, xvii.]

Dr. De Peyster, in his introductory, gives a brief account of the Coote family, of which Gov. Bellomont was a worthy representative. Following succinctly in the chain of history, he notes some of the points of interest in the career of the English nation and of her American colonies, until the advent of the Earl on these western shores. Gov. Bellomont found, on his arrival, that the old cliques and partisans had been powerfully at work. An illicit trade by land and piracy on the high seas had been for a time carried on, with apparent success, through the connivance, as it is alleged, of the former administration, or at least of some of its adherents. The doings of the notorious Capt. Kidd, unchecked by the due interference or restraining power of the colonial government, had cast a stigma on the times and places where such unlawful procedures were allowed. In this lamentable state of things, the Earl of Bellomont was selected and commissioned by the king as a fit person to combat, and so far as possible put an end to these growing evils. He was a man resolute, as the times required, honest, high in rank, and of unquestioned patriotism and fidelity. Like a revolutionary iconoclast he set himself determinedly at work to overthrow the mischievous plans and purposes of some of his predecessors and their allies. Coming in his place, as he does in history, between the knavish Fletcher and the tyrannical Cornbury, the noble and successful administration of Gov. Bellomont stands out in bold relief. Justice is ably done, as we think, in the pamphlet before us, to the straight-forward career, all too brief, of the Governor of the three Provinces, in his relation to New York, which was all that the worthy president of the New York Historical Society attempted in his address on this third quarter of a century anniversary of that useful institution.

The production in style and sentiment is truly commendable. The execution of the book as to print, paper and plates, is fine. The heliotype portraits of Bellomont, Col. Abraham De Peyster and his lady, with the fac-simile letter of Bellomont to the Colonel, dated Boston, Sept. 9, 1699, give great interest and value to the production, as do also the letters in the appendix, written chiefly from Boston to the said Colonel, the originals of which are in possession of the above-named society.

[By W. B. Trask, Esq., of Boston.]

*Old Swedes' Church, Philadelphia, Marriage Records, 1750—1863. Carefully Transcribed from the Original Records.* By PARK M'FARLAND, JR., No. 311 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. No. 2. Price 50 cents. [1879. 8vo. pp. 80.]

The first number of this work was noticed in the REGISTER for July, 1879 (xxxiii. 370). This number contains the marriages recorded between Jan. 7, 1779, and Sept. 9, 1784, by the rectors of the church during that period, namely, the Revs. Andrew Goeransson, Mathias Hultgreen and Nicholas Collin, D.D.

Mr. M'Farland has also made a copy of all the inscriptions in the graveyard of this church, and has issued a prospectus for printing the same. See the announcement in the REGISTER, xxxiv. 103.

*History of Grafton, Worcester County, Massachusetts; from its Early Settlement by the Indians in 1647 to the Present Time, 1879. Including the Genealogies of Seventy-Nine of the Older Families.* By FREDERICK CLIFTON PIERCE. . . . Published by the Author. Worcester: Press of Chas. Hamilton. 1879. [8vo. pp. 623. With index and illustrations. Price \$4.00.]

Few of the town histories of Massachusetts are presented in such an imposing volume as that now before us. The author has evidently laid under contribution his best powers of historical research. His materials were unusually ample, and he has produced a volume highly creditable to himself and to the town he represents. Grafton was originally a part of the Nipmuck country, and the volume opens with a brief but satisfactory sketch of the Nipmuck tribe of Indians which inhabited that part of central Massachusetts. Efforts were early made to christianize the natives, and the second Indian church in this country was established there in 1671. John Eliot, the Indian apostle, so indefatigable in his labors among the Indians at Roxbury and Natick, found time to extend his benevolent labors to the Nipmuck tribe. The Indians had sole possession of that region as late as 1718, but when they began to sell their land to the English settlers, they rapidly disappeared.

When the township came into the hands of the new comers, it was named Grafton by Gov. Belcher, in honor of the Duke of Grafton, who was a member of the English Privy Council, and grandson of Charles II. The author next gives us valuable sketches of the patriotism of the inhabitants during King Philip's war, and the French and Indian wars,—of the establishment of the early churches in the town,—of the means of education,—of the leading industrial pursuits of the people; and closes with biographical sketches of the more prominent inhabitants, and genealogies of several families. Mr. Pierce, while laboring after punctilious accuracy, is not positively certain of some of his statements, and pleasantly apologizes by saying, that "if any of his marriages are forced or unnatural, the parties can separate without divorce, and if he has prematurely consigned some to the shades, they can live on as if nothing had happened."

[By the Rev. Dorus Clarke, D.D., of Boston.]

*Historical Celebration of the Town of Brimfield, Hampden County, Mass., Wednesday, October 11, 1876, with the Historical Address of Rev. Charles M. Hyde, D.D., and other addresses, letters, documents, etc., relating to the early history of the Town.* Published by vote of the Town. Springfield, Mass.: The Clark W. Bryan Company, Printers, 1879. [8vo. pp. vi.+487. To be obtained of the town; price, including postage, \$2.25.]

It is easy and pleasant to write words of praise of this town history. The volume is one of those prepared in compliance with the resolution of Congress of March 13, 1876, and is an admirable specimen of what was intended. In length especially it contrasts most favorably with many similar works of recent date, mostly of towns in Maine and New Hampshire. The address is most comprehensive, and "was not read in full on the day of the celebration." Though long as an address, it is good as a history, since conciseness was the object aimed at. The record is like that of many towns of New England, with little of disturbance or change. A map shows the effect of time and growth in the original township, which has been sadly reduced by the formation of Monson and other towns. In 1798 came the inevitable contest between town and church in reference to the settlement of Rev. Clark Brown.

The address is followed by a hundred pages of documents relating to the town, and another hundred pages of genealogies, which are most justly kept in reasonable limits. We find biographical mention of three persons of considerable prominence, viz., Gen. William Eaton, who was almost a national hero after his exploits in Tripoli in 1805; and two generals who took an active part in suppressing rebellion 1861-5, Erasmus D. Keyes and Fitz Henry Warren, both natives of Brimfield. The portraits form one of the attractive features of the volume. Such strongly-marked and characteristic faces are of course not found in every town, but the engravers' work also is exceedingly well done, and one feels sure that the print must resemble the original.

We are informed that the Rev. Dr. Hyde, the editor of this volume, has been assisted by the Hon. Henry F. Brown, and S. W. Brown, Esq.

[By William S. Appleton, A.M., of Boston.]

*Lancashire and Cheshire Church Surveys, 1649—1655. In Two Parts. Part I. Parochial Surveys of Lancashire. Part II. Surveys of the Lands, &c., of the Bishop and Dean and Chapter of Chester and of the Warden and Fellows of the Collegiate Church of Manchester. Now first printed from the Original MSS. in the Record Office and in the Lambeth Palace Library.* By Lieut.-Colonel HENRY FISHWICK, F.S.A., Author of "The History of the Parochial Chapelry of Goo-naragh," "The History of the Parish of Kirkham," "The Lancashire Library," etc. Printed for the Record Society. 1879. [8vo. pp. 282.]

This is the first publication of the "Record Society," formed in 1878, the plan of which was printed in the REGISTER for July, 1878 (xxxii. 338). The society purposes to do for the counties of Chester and Lancaster what the Harleian Society is doing for England.

The London "Notes and Queries" (6th S. i. 89), in noticing the volume before us, says: "The Commonwealth Survey of church livings illustrates the ecclesiastical history of the time, almost to the same degree as Pope Nicholas IV.'s *Taxatio* of 1292, and Henry VIII.'s *Valor* of 1535. Part of its value arises from the fact that it falls midway in the period of the great *lacuna* in the episcopal registers."

Only the portion of these Surveys relating to Lancashire and Cheshire is here printed. Colonel Fishwick, the editor, has added explanatory notes and prefixed a valuable introduction. Good indices to the volume are also given.

The subscription to the Record Society is a guinea a year, which entitles members to all the volumes issued in that year. The honorary secretary, to whom applications for membership should be addressed, is J. P. Earwaker, M. A., F. S. A., Withington, near Manchester, England. We understand that Mr. Rylands, of Highfields, Thelwall, is engaged in editing a volume of *Inquisitiones post Mortem*, which is nearly through the press; and that James Croston, Esq., of Upton Hall, is at work on a volume of parish registers of Prestbury in Cheshire.

*The American Inter-Oceanic Ship Canal Question.* By Rear Admiral DANIEL AMMEN, U. S. Navy. Philadelphia: L. R. Hammersly & Co., 1510 Chestnut Street. 1880. [8vo. pp. 102. Price \$1. Sold by A. Williams & Co., Boston.]

Rear Adm. Ammen was one of the delegates, on the part of the United States, to the Inter-Oceanic Congress, held in Paris, in May, 1879. This book gives his views in favor of the Nicaragua route in opposition to the Panama route, which M. de Lesseps and his associates propose to undertake. It consists of a letter by him to the Hon. Charles P. Daly, president of the American Geographical Society, which was read at a meeting of that society in New York city, Dec. 9, 1879; and the reports of himself and his associate commissioner to the Congress, Civil Engineer A. G. Menocal, U. S. N., with other documents. The interest in the subject in Europe and this country at the present time will insure the work an extensive perusal.

*Report of the Operations of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, for the Years 1878 and 1879.* [Seal.] Philadelphia: Printed for the Society. 1880. [8vo. pp. 23.]

This report, besides the proceedings for the last two years, contains a list of the most important papers read before this active society from the organization on New Year's Day, 1858. Its twenty-first anniversary was celebrated in January last.

*Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society.* Vol. VI. Fifth Series. [Arms.] Boston: Published by the Society. 1879. [8vo. pp. 462.]

This, the latest issue of the Massachusetts Historical Society, is a continuation of the invaluable Diary of Judge Sewall, from Jan. 14, 1700, to April 14, 1714. Another volume will be necessary to complete it. A reprint of three rare contemporary tracts relative to matters in which Sewall was interested is prefixed to the diary. The work is well annotated and a full index of surnames is given.

*Ancestral Tablets. A Collection of Diagrams for Pedigrees, so Arranged that Eight Generations of any Person may be Recorded in a connected and Simple Form.* By WILLIAM H. WHITMORE, A. M., Member of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society. Fourth Edition. Boston: Wm. Parsons Lunt, 42 Congress St. 1880. [4to. 16 plates. Price \$2.]

Mr. Whitmore's "Ancestral Tablets" were first issued in 1868. The fact that three editions have already been sold and there still is a demand for the work, shows that it is appreciated by genealogists and the public generally. The fourth edition is much improved. The paper is heavier and blank leaves are added for notes and records.

The plan of these "Tablets" is very ingenious, and is superior to any other manner of recording one's ancestors with which we are acquainted. By it a person can record, in a thin volume, less than twelve inches long by ten inches wide, in a clear and simple manner, the usual facts given in tabular pedigrees concerning all his ancestors to the eighth generation.

*Personal Narrative of Events in the War of the Rebellion, being Papers read before the Rhode Island Soldiers' and Sailors' Historical Society.* No. 1. Second Series. [Flag.] Providence: The N. Bangs Williams Co. 1880. [Fcp. 4to. pp. 59.]

The present work, which seems to be the first number of second series of "Personal Narratives," is entitled, "First Cruise of the Montauk." It is by Paymaster Samuel T. Brown, U. S. N., and was first read as a paper before Rodman Post, No. 12, Department of Rhode Island, G. A. R., February, 1870, and subsequently, Dec. 26, 1877, before the Soldiers' and Sailors' Historical Society. Works like this, preserving as they do the personal recollections of those who took part in the late civil war, are of great service to American history. The author informs us that the preparation was suggested to him by Gen. James Shaw, Jr., "whose efforts, made in Rhode Island, to obtain and preserve records of personal experience during the

war of the rebellion, resulted, at his suggestion, in the issuing of a general order by the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States, requesting the officers of every Post in the states to secure from the members the writing and reading, and then to preserve, the records of personal experience during the war; the chief result of which custom would be to obtain a large and valuable amount of historical data which must otherwise have remained unwritten."

*The Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal.* Published Quarterly by the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal. [Seal.] Terms, \$1.50 per annum in advance. Montreal: Henry Rose, "Star" Building, Craig Street. [8vo. pp. 48 in each number. Subscriptions may be sent to G. A. Holmes, Treasurer, P. O. Box 1310, Montreal, Canada.]

The periodical was commenced in July, 1872, and the seventh volume was completed in April last. Two numbers of the eighth volume have since appeared. Numerous and able papers upon interesting topics read before the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society will be found in the thirty quarterly numbers now published, besides other articles upon antiquarian and numismatic subjects. The number for October, 1879, contains valuable articles on "Canadian Temperance Medals," by R. W. McLachlan; "The Swiss Colonists in Manitoba;" "The Land of the Dakotas;" "Amury Girod," by William McLennan; "Tecumseh's Death;" "The Martillo Towers at Quebec;" "Early Records of Nova Scotia;" and "The Brant Monument;" besides shorter articles and notices of new books.

*The Shields of Arms formerly in the Windows of the Parish Church of Lymm, co. Chester, as Illustrative of the Origin of Several Local Coats of Arms. A Paper read before the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, 20th February, 1879.* By J. PAUL RYLANDS, F.S.A. (For Private Circulation.) Liverpool: T. Brakell, Printer, 58 Dale Street. 1879. [12mo. pp. 14.]

"In most of the Cheshire and in many of the Lancashire churches, before the great rebellion, when the windows were broken and the monuments defaced," says Mr. Rylands, "there existed many very beautiful windows of painted glass containing the figures of the local gentry and their wives, with their shields of arms and monumental inscriptions. . . . The effect of this great quantity of stained glass must have been very striking; and whilst serving the purpose of decoration, these armorial windows also recorded facts which, thanks to the persons who copied the arms and inscriptions before they were destroyed, have been, and will be, of great service to modern genealogists and local historians."

The parish church of Lymm is one of the churches whose windows with their armorial shields were broken; but fortunately in the sixteenth century descriptions and rude drawings of them were taken, which are now preserved among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum. These memoranda, with descriptions of the drawings, are printed in the pamphlet before us by Mr. Rylands, with annotations showing great familiarity with the genealogy of that county.

*Gloucestershire Notes and Queries.* [Mottoes.] London: Golding & Lawrence, 55 Great Russell St., Bloomsbury, W. C.; Stroud: John Clark, 21 King Street. [8vo. Published in quarterly parts, pp. 32 each. Price 1s. (by post, 1s. 1d.) a part.]

*Local Gleanings: an Archaeological and Historical Magazine, chiefly relating to Lancashire and Cheshire.* Edited by J. P. EARWAKER, M.A., F.S.A. [Contents.] Manchester: J. E. Cornish, 33 Piccadilly; Thos. J. Day, 53 Market Street. Warrington: P. Pearce, Sankey Street. Chester: Minshull & Hughes, Eastgate Row. And all local Booksellers. [8vo. Published in monthly parts, pp. 40 each. Price 1s. 6d. a part.]

The *Gloucestershire Notes and Queries* is under the editorship of the Rev. Beaver H. Blacker, M.A., Nithsdale House, Stroud, Gloucestershire, the editor of some important local works, who has here collected from documents, monuments, &c., much curious and valuable information illustrating the manners and customs of former days, and the family history of the county. These articles were commenced in the *Stroud Journal*, and met with such favor in the columns of that newspaper that the editor was induced to collect them and have them reprinted in the present form. The first part was issued in April, 1879. Four parts were printed in that year, and one for the present year has reached us.

*Local Gleanings* is a continuation of a work which has several times been

noticed in the REGISTER (xxxi. 241, 352; xxxiii. 124). The *Gleanings* were commenced in the columns of the *Manchester Courier* in April, 1875, and continued four years till April, 1879, being also reprinted in parts. It becoming obvious that the constantly increasing demands upon the space of a daily newspaper would prevent their appearing with the regularity essential to their successful continuance, their publication in the *Courier* was discontinued; and, in July last, an independent magazine with the same title, under the editorship of Mr. Earwaker, who had had charge of the work from the beginning, was commenced. The numbers for July, August, September, October and December, 1879, and January, 1880, are before us.

We commend these periodicals to the attention of our readers; and we hope that they will have many subscribers in this country and Canada. They preserve much local history, biography and genealogy concerning the English counties to which they relate. Those who have queries upon these subjects in those counties have now a means of bringing them to the attention of local antiquaries who are most likely to answer them.

*History of Arlington, Massachusetts, formerly the Second Precinct in Cambridge or District of Menotomy, afterwards the Town of West Cambridge. 1635—1879. With a Genealogical Register of the Inhabitants of the Precinct.* By BENJAMIN and WILLIAM R. CUTTER. Boston: David Clapp & Son, 564 Washington Street. 1880. [8vo. pp. 368. Price \$3.]

The most sanguinary part of the engagement of the 19th April, 1775, which from the town in which it began has received the name of the Battle of Lexington, was fought in what is now Arlington. It was then a precinct in the town of Cambridge, and remained so till 1807. For nearly a century from its settlement in 1635, it was a part of the parish as well as of the town of Cambridge; and then for three quarters of a century from 1732, it was a separate parish still retaining its connection with the mother town. February 20, 1807, it was incorporated as the town of West Cambridge, and after it had received accessions to and lost portions of its territory, its name was legally changed to Arlington, April 30, 1867.

The labor of writing the history of the place from its first settlement has been greatly increased by this state of affairs. Had it been a town by itself for all this time, the task would have been far easier. The authors, however, have succeeded in accomplishing it in a very satisfactory manner. We have here a trustworthy record of the events which happened and the people who lived there. The late Benjamin Cutter, M.D., the senior author, a native of the precinct and a graduate of Harvard College, commenced collecting materials for the history of the place when a young man. He died sixteen years ago, and left the completion of his Cutter genealogy and the present work to his son William R. Cutter, Esq. Like his father he is a painstaking antiquary and genealogist, and spares no amount of labor to make his work accurate and reliable.

The work has three principal divisions. In the first, a history of the territory, precinct and town is given; in the second we have a genealogical register; and the third is devoted to the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1861-65. The preparation of the last, we are told in the preface, has cost more labor to make it full and accurate than was anticipated. The genealogical portion is very thorough and fills over 150 pages, considerably more than a third of the work. The historical portion is carefully compiled, and contains much interesting information concerning the past in this place. Extracts from original documents are freely used, and authorities for new statements are scrupulously given. There is a good index.

The book is handsomely printed and contains an outline map of the town, portraits and other illustrations.

*A Manual of the Antiquity of Man.* By J. P. MACLEAN. [Motto.] Eighth Edition. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1879. [12mo. pp. 159. Price \$1. Sold by A. Williams & Co., Boston.]

*Mastodon, Mammoth and Man.* By J. P. MACLEAN, Author of "A Manual of the Antiquity of Man." With Illustrations. Second Edition. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1880. [12mo. pp. 84. Price \$1.]

These two works by the author of "The Mound Builders," noticed in our last, will be found useful treatises. Those who have not the time or opportunity to consult the elaborate works of the scientists of the present day will find here, in compact form, their latest conclusions on the interesting subjects to which these volumes relate, as well as the results of the thought and study of the author himself.

The former work was published in 1875, and the latter in 1878. The fact that

"The Antiquity of Man" has reached the eighth edition in five years, and "Mastodon, Mammoth and Man" a second edition in two years, shows that the works meet a public want. The former has an excellent index.

*B.-F. de Costa. Le Globe Lenox de 1511.* Traduit de l'anglais par GABRIEL GRAVIER, President de la Société normande de Géographie. [Wood cut.] Rouen : Imprimerie E. Cagniard, rue Jeanne-Darc, 89. 1880. [Broad 8vo. pp. 26.]

This is a translation of the able article on the Lenox Globe, which the Rev. Mr. De Costa contributed to the Magazine of American History for November, 1879. M. Gravier, the translator, has added a few illustrative notes. This is a worthy tribute to the merit of the Rev. Mr. De Costa as an historical writer.

*Paul Revere's Signal; The True Story of the Signal Lanterns in Christ Church, Boston.* By the Rev. JOHN LEE WATSON, D.D. *With Remarks on Laying Dr. Watson's Communication before the Massachusetts Historical Society,* Nov. 9, 1876. By CHARLES DEANE. New York : Trow's Printing and Bookbinding Company. 1880. [8vo. pp. 32.]

The first edition of this pamphlet was published in 1877, and was noticed in the REGISTER for July of that year (xxxi. 355). To the present edition is added a letter to the editor of the *Boston Daily Advertiser*, published last year in that newspaper, in which additional evidence is advanced to show that the lanterns were hung from the steeple of Christ Church by Capt. John Pulling, a warden of the church.

*Our Indian Wars.* By GEORGE W. MANYPENNY, Commissioner of Indian Affairs from March, 1853, until March, 1857, and chairman of the Sioux Commission of 1876. [Motto.] Cincinnati : Robert Clarke & Co. 1880. [8vo. pp. 300. Sold in Boston by A. Williams & Co.]

"In the preparation of this work," says Mr. Manypenny, "there has been no attempt to present a continuous history of the Indian race, or the conflicts with it, from the time of the discovery of America. In the most condensed form such a narrative would fill volumes, and would, in some sense, be a mere repetition, since the story of one Indian war is the story of all. In what is narrated in the several chapters, it has been the object of the author to adhere to facts, and to give a faithful relation of the various forms in which complications with the Indians arise, and the manner in which the civil as well as the military authorities deal with the wards of the government."

Mr. Manypenny reviews the treatment of the North American Indians from the first European explorers, shows the causes of the Indian troubles past and present, and suggests changes in our mode of dealing with the wards of the nation. He sees the good as well as the bad qualities of the Indians, and asks for fair and honorable treatment of them by our government and people.

*The American Antiquarian. A Quarterly Journal devoted to Early American History, Ethnology and Archaeology.* Edited by Rev. STEPHEN D. PEET, Clinton, Wisconsin. Published by Jameson & Morse. Chicago, Illinois. No. 2. Oct. Nov. Dec. 1879. [8vo. pp. 96. Price \$3 a year.]

The *American Antiquarian*, which we noticed in our last, continues to furnish able articles on the subjects to which it is devoted. The second number of the second volume is now before us. The same publishers announce a *Journal of Oriental and Biblical Archaeology*, under the editorship of the Rev. Mr. Peet. The price of the new periodical is \$2 a year.

*Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society.* Vol. I. Buffalo : Published by Bigelow Brothers. 1879. [8vo. pp. 435.]

The Buffalo Historical Society was organized in 1862, and the first president was the Hon. Millard Fillmore, ex-president of the United States. See his memoir in REGISTER, xxxi. 9. The present volume, which is the first of the publications of that society, is issued in a beautiful style and is illustrated with portraits, maps and other engravings. The inaugural address of president Fillmore, delivered before the society July 1, 1862, is the leading article, and his portrait forms the frontispiece of the book. The volume also contains valuable papers read at different dates before the society, and other articles illustrating the history and biography of Buffalo and its vicinity. It has a table of contents and an index. The society is in a flourishing condition. Elias S. Hawley is the present president.

*Memoir of Henry Armitt Brown, together with four Historical Orations.* Edited by J. M. HOPPIN, Professor in Yale College. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 1880. [8vo. pp. 395. Price \$2.50.]

The record of this man's life is such as this age has never known. Among the great men of our day he holds a prominent place. At an age when most men have scarcely begun the work of life, his was done. Thirty-three years only elapsed between the cradle and the grave, and in this short time he had won the name of a consummate orator, an accurate and finished historian.

We have before us in this handsome and clearly printed volume, a memoir carefully compiled by Prof. J. M. Hoppin of Yale College. Passing over the narrative of Mr. Brown's early life, which contains nothing which might not be applicable to any young gentleman of education and culture, we approach that period of his life which was the fullest, and which bears the greatest interest to those engaged in historical pursuits. The Centennial period, which to all of us was a time of interest, brought to Henry Armitt Brown a rare opportunity. The occasion needed the man, and in the city of Philadelphia the man was found. Born of a historic family, his ancestors were of that little band who in the good ship "Kent" sailed from the port of London. He thus describes their departure: "And now the wind is fair and the tide is full, and the steeples of London are sinking in the west. Farewell, broad fields of Norfolk and pleasant Kentish woods! Farewell, ye Yorkshire moors and sloping Sussex downs! Farewell, old mother England. Our feet shall never tread upon your shores again! Our eyes shall never more behold your face; but from our loins a greater Britain shall arise to bless a continent with English law and English liberty and English speech." With a veneration for the past such as these lines indicate, with a mind whose bent from early years had been toward history, with the acumen to see, the perseverance to obtain, the love of country to inspire, and the classical training to give the richest imagery to the scenes he desired to portray, can we wonder that the centennial opened to this young man a rich gleaming field for his varied accomplishments? The people of Philadelphia recognized in him not only one who had the gift of public speech, but that magnetism of manner, that charming delivery, which has the power to arouse even the most lukewarm. Nor were they mistaken; for at the oration at Carpenters Hall, which was published in the Centennial number of the REGISTER, we are told so vivid were his descriptions of the men who composed the Continental Congress, that whole ranks of persons in the audience rose and turned round to look in the direction where he pointed; and when he had finished, "the audience unconsciously arose the better to express their admiration of and gratitude to the orator for once more rekindling the fires of early patriotism." It was not for us to know the spell by which he held his audience, the wonderful music of his voice, the deep and melodious cadence with which he carried his hearers away, the grace of his gestures, the play of his features, it was not given us to behold; but we can read his written words, and be proud that in our day a young man has produced four historical orations which will rank with any of the centennial period, are surpassed by none. It seems strong language indeed; but let one read them ere they deem this criticism overdrawn.

Mr. Brown appeared in Boston at the Tea Party Celebration, December 16, 1873, as the representative from his native city. In opening his address he said: "I stand for the first time in Faneuil Hall. I see about me no familiar countenance. I am in an unaccustomed place. I have journeyed far from home; and yet this is Boston, and this is Faneuil Hall. Here hang the likenesses of men whose portraits since my childhood I have seen in Independence Hall, John Hancock and John Adams, Samuel Adams and Elbridge Gerry, and I feel that here at least I am no stranger. I rise in this place and in this presence to speak to you the words of Philadelphia, the fraternal greetings of your brethren assembled there. Would that the messenger were more worthy, would that there might come to me to-night a voice of fire—an inspiration born of the memories of this place, that I might drink in the spirit of this anniversary, and tell in fitting words the message which I bring."

Speaking of Philadelphia, he gives this picture: "Still on her busiest street stands the old State House—preserved with pious care—holding up, as this thrice sacred building does, the old time and the new time, face to face, and from its walls your great men as well as hers, look down upon another spot made holy by their patriotism and virtue. There in the centre of her busy life lies Independence Square, its corners resting on her crowded highways, 'a sacred island in a tumultuous main;' close by she guards the relics of the dead—your own as well as hers—

whom fate confided to the keeping of the land for which they died; and in her bosom there, to-day, she bears the dust of Franklin. All around her are reminders of the time when Philadelphia and Boston stood in the very front, when Pennsylvania and Massachusetts held up the hands of Washington. Before her roll the waters that wash the feet of Trenton and Red Bank, beside her lies the smiling valley of White-marsh, still, in her suburbs, stands the old stone house round which the battle raged at Germantown. She sees the sun set behind those peaceful hills—unconscious of their fame—between which slumbers Valley Forge, and by her southern borders flows a placid stream that bears the immortal name of Brandywine."

This is a paragraph from the Carpenters Hall oration :

"Sunday comes—the last Sabbath of the old provincial days. The bells of Christ Church chime sweetly in the morning air, and her aisles are crowded beyond their wont; but the solemn service glides along, as in other days, with its prayer for king and queen so soon to be read for the last time within those walls; and the thought perhaps never breaks the stillness of the Quakers' Meeting-house that a thing has come to pass, that will make their quiet town immortal. Then the long afternoon fades away, and the sun sinks down yonder over Valley Forge."

Our space does not permit us to quote more from these orations. "The settlement of Burlington" describes the quiet and peaceful life of early days. The Valley Forge address pictures the hardships of that never to be forgotten winter, and the oration on the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth is a spirited and accurate account of one of the most important battles of the revolution.

Alas, that we have no more of his marvellous delineations! the better seems always to be taken, the worse left. The history of this young man, cut off in the very flower and promise of his age, with ardent hopes and highest views, can but make us blush to think of the chances we have wasted, and the shameful indolence that has oftentimes prevented us from improving the opportunities we possess.

[By D. T. V. Huntoon, Esq., of Canton, Mass.]

*The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography.* Vol. III. Philadelphia: Publication Fund of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. 1879. [8vo. pp. 509.]

The stout octavo formed by the yearly numbers of this valuable quarterly well illustrates the character and promise of its title—all its articles being devoted to subjects bearing upon the local history of Pennsylvania, or to recording the deeds and lives of its deceased worthies. Leading articles are on the Founding of New Sweden, Philadelphia, One Hundred Years Ago, Records of Christ Church, Philadelphia, Constitutional Convention of 1776, History of Darby; while a large number of biographical notices and short articles make up a choice and valuable historical and biographical miscellany. The magazine is issued as a Publication Fund volume, the annual subscription to those not members of the Fund Association being \$3.00. Payments may be made to Townsend Ward, 820 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq., of Augusta, Me.]

*List of Books received by the American Antiquarian Society from the sale of the First Part of the Brinley Library: to which is added a Catalogue of the Mather Publications previously in the Society's Library.* Arranged and collated with notes, by NATHANIEL PAINE. Worcester: Press of Charles Hamilton. 1879. [8vo. pp. 54.]

The history of the sale of the notable library of the late George Brinley, of Hartford, Conn., and of his liberal gifts from it to libraries and learned societies in our country, is well known to the readers of the REGISTER. The American Antiquarian Society was among the institutions designated by Mr. Brinley to receive his benefactions, having a credit of five thousand dollars, one half of which was assigned from the sale of the first portion of the library, which occurred in March, 1879. From this sale the society obtained two hundred and twenty-seven books, and four hundred and fifty-nine pamphlets; consisting of Mather publications and early sermons and tracts relating to New England history, many of which are of extreme rarity. Sixty-one are publications of Increase, Cotton and Samuel Mather, nearly all of which are bound by Bedford, Pratt and other celebrated binders. In printing this list it was thought desirable to include a bibliography of the Mather publications contained in the library previous to the Brinley additions. This list is given in chronological order, beginning with the works of Richard Mather, of Dor-



chester, who was born in England in 1596, and continues down through the noted line to Moses of Darien, Conn., who graduated from Yale College in 1739. It comprises two hundred and forty-five titles. In addition to the above, these pages are taken up with an account of the Mather Manuscripts in the library of the society, of which it possesses a large and valuable collection, consisting of treatises, sermons, diaries, interleaved almanacs, letters and memoranda. Altogether the Mather collections possessed by the society are extensive and notable, and Mr. Paine has done good service to bibliographers and students by indicating their extent and value in this manner. The pamphlet is a fit companion to the same author's account of the library of the society, published in 1873; and both are very serviceable to the bibliographer and antiquary.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*Proceedings of the Rhode Island Historical Society.* 1878-79. Providence: Printed for the Society. [8vo. pp. 107.]

This volume is largely taken up with the minutes of the regular and special meetings of the society during 1878-79, with brief abstracts of the several papers presented, and other matters pertaining to the work and business of the society. In addition fourteen pages are given to the "Orders of the Council of War" passed between Nov. 11 and Dec. 22, 1778, which comprises much new and interesting matter, and gives some facts of genealogical history not found elsewhere. The necrology embraces notices of Peleg W. Gardiner, John Wingate Thornton, William Cullen Bryant, Col. George Baker, Evert Augustus Duyckinck, Seth Padelord, Col. Almon D. Hodges and Col. Brantz Mayer. The Committee of Publication consists of John Russell Bartlett, J. Lewis Diman and Edwin Martin Stone.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*Bedford Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, August 27, 1879. Historical Discourse by* JONATHAN F. STEARNS, D.D. *Also a Sketch of the Celebration.* Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers. [8vo. pp. 85. For sale by Estes & Lauriat, 301 Washington Street, Boston. Price 35c.; by mail, 38c.]

An account of the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth year of the incorporation of the town of Bedford, formed of portions of the territory of Concord, Billerica and Lexington, and incorporated Sept. 23, 1729. At the dinner, speeches were made by Governor Talbot, Ex-Governor Rice, Hon. William A. Russell, Hon. E. Rockwood Hoar, and other gentlemen. The Historical Discourse, which occupies over fifty pages of the pamphlet, was by Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D.D., of Newark, N. J., and gives a satisfactory and well-written resumé of the leading events in the history of the town. The pamphlet should not be overlooked by any one forming a collection of local histories.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*The Antiquary.* A Magazine devoted to the Study of the Past. Edited by EDWARD WALFORD, M.A. London: Elliot Stock; New York: J. W. Bouton, 706 Broadway. [4to. Published monthly. Pp. 48, each number. Terms, \$4.10 per annum to American subscribers, postage paid.]

The initial number of this new English antiquarian and historical journal has a most attractive typographical appearance, and is so well balanced and readable in all its departments as to be thoroughly enjoyed by all English readers of historical and antiquarian tastes. If we may judge of coming numbers by the promise of this opening issue, it must find a considerable circle of readers on this side of the water; for while some of its articles have only a local interest, others are of common interest and value, and from their bearing upon English history and biography in general will be of service to all intelligent readers. The contents of the present number embrace fourteen articles, on antiquarian, historical, folk-lore, numismatic, typographical and kindred subjects, together with an entertaining miscellany of reviews, notices of meetings, of societies, notes, queries, antiquarian news, correspondence, etc. The matter is in double column pages, the type new and clean cut, and the paper heavy and handsome. The number has eight illustrations. Mr. Walford, the editor, has New England blood in his veins, being a descendant of Sir William Pepperrell, Bart., REGISTER, xx. 5. He was formerly editor of the *Gentleman's Magazine*, and we welcome his new magazine as a most useful co-worker, with others in this country and abroad, who are "Gleaners after Time."

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*Le Canada et les Basques. Trois Ecrits de M. FAUCHER de Saint Maurice, M. MARMETTE et M. LE VASSEUR. Avant-Propos du COMTE DE PREMIO-REAL. Quebec. 1879. [4to. pp. 29. No. 28 of an edition of 50 copies.]*

*Commerce Entre L'Espagne et ses Provinces D'Outre mer et Les Provinces Confederées du Canada. Notes du COMTE DE PREMIO-REAL. Quebec, 1879. [12mo. pp. 88.]*

The first of these tracts consists of three brief essays, whose object is to prove that these Basques were the first Europeans to discover Canada and Newfoundland. The essays are entitled respectively, "Who Discovered Newfoundland and Labrador?" "The Basques the Discoverers of Canada," and "Yes, certainly the Basques"—their authors being Canadian writers of high reputation as local historians; the preface being from the pen of Count Premio-Real. The Basque Provinces are situated on both slopes of the Pyrenees, in the south of France and north of Spain, the people of which have from the earliest times been known as hardy and adventurous fishermen. The authors of the essays attempt to prove, from authentic accounts and from the similarity of local names, in both countries, that the Basques, attracted to the fishing banks of Labrador and Newfoundland in pursuit of whale and cod, were the first to discover not only Labrador and Newfoundland, but Canada, at least "a good century before the coming of Cabot and Jaques Cartier." M. Faucher, quoting an early Flemish navigator, says it was a Basque fisherman who first gave to Columbus the idea of a new world.

The second tract is the fifth of a series by Count Premio-Real on the commerce between Spain and its provinces and Canada; and comprises the maritime laws of Canada, and the author's observations on the commercial relations between the two countries. It possesses some interest to the local historian from containing a chapter on the "Antiquity of the Fisheries of Canada," in which are curious particulars concerning the discoveries of the Basques in Canada, and the origin of many of the local names in Labrador, Newfoundland and Cape Breton. The author is Consul-General for Spain to British North America, and it is commendable to his literary and scholarly tastes that much of his time is spent in historic and antiquarian researches relating to the country in which his official duties call him to reside. Both tracts are very neatly printed and bound.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*A History of Bristol Parish, Va., with Genealogies of Families connected therewith, and Historical Illustrations. By Rev. PHILIP SLAUGHTER, D.D., Author of Histories of St. George's and St. Mark's Parishes. . . . Second Edition. J. W. Randolph & English, Richmond, Va. 1879. [12mo. pp. 237. Price \$1.50.]*

The first edition of this excellent parish history was published in 1846, while the author was rector of the parish. The Rev. Dr. Slaughter had a fine field for historical research, embracing the earliest records and the first families, and thence onward, through a worthy history of two and a half centuries, and dealing with many families whose influence has not been confined to Virginia alone, but the nation as well. The work of more than thirty years ago is now revised by Dr. Slaughter, who calls to his aid the accomplished genealogist and historian of Virginia, Robert A. Brock, Esq., corresponding secretary of the Virginia Historical Society, who contributes genealogies of some of the early families. The following are the names treated, though there are many mentioned incidentally:—Atkinson, Bolling, Bland, Claiborne, Eppes, Feild, Gilliam, Grammer, Haxall, Kennon, May, Munford, Murray, Peterson, Pegram, Poythress, Ramsay, Randolph, Robertson, Skipwith, Walker, Withers, Worsham. This parish history will prove of considerable aid to the student of Virginia history. Bristol Parish is the present city of Petersburg and the adjoining town of Blandford, besides the usual wide spread territory which characterized the early Virginia parishes. During the late civil war the parish was a camping ground and battlefield. The book is of large worth to those whose memories cluster about the church where their hearts have learned of holy things, and the church-yard where lie the remains of their ancestry.

[By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., of Weymouth.]

*The Second Lambeth Conference. A Personal Narrative. By THE BISHOP OF IOWA. Davenport, Iowa. 1879. [8vo. pp. 56.]*

The narrative of what Bishop Perry saw and heard in England, while visiting that country to attend the second Lambeth Conference, held in the summer of 1878, contains much interesting matter concerning the historic places and the clergy and church dignitaries of Great Britain.

*Additional Notes upon the Collection of Coins and Medals now upon Exhibition at the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art, Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.* By HENRY PHILLIPS, Jr., A.M. [Philadelphia: 1879. 8vo. pp. 19.]

The work to which this is a supplement was noticed in the REGISTER for July, 1879 (xxxiii. 370). The paper now printed was read before the American Philosophical Society, Oct. 3, 1879, and contains descriptions of important coins and medals added to the collection since the former paper was prepared.

*A Chapter of American Church History.* By EDWARD D. NEILL, Macalester College, Minneapolis, Minnesota. [1879. Reprinted "from the New Englander for July, 1879." Octavo, pp. 16.]

The Rev. Mr. Neill, of Minneapolis, whose researches have thrown much light on early American history, has, in this pamphlet, given an interesting history of the Independent Church of the Somers Islands or Bermudas, founded in the seventeenth century, and of the troubles it met with. He has revived much forgotten history by his industrious research.

*The Harvard Register.* . . . Cambridge. 1880. [Published monthly. Royal 4to. pp. 16+iv. each number. Moses King, Editor and Publisher, Cambridge, Mass. Price \$2 a year. Single numbers 25 cts.]

The new periodical with this title, devoted to the interests and history of Harvard University and its graduates, was commenced in January last by Mr. King, whose volumes on that university, Boston and Cincinnati, show his fitness for such an enterprise. He has the assistance and patronage of the faculty of the university and some of the most eminent of its graduates. The contents of the four numbers already published show how much matter, interesting to students and graduates of Harvard, can be brought together. It is handsomely printed and illustrated,

*Antiquarian Papers.* Ipswich, Mass. [Sm. 4to. No. III. December, 1879; No. IV. January; No. V. February, 1880; each pp. 4. Published monthly, the Rev. Augustine Caldwell, editor. Price 25 cents a year.]

This periodical, noticed in our last, continues to give valuable historical matter relating to Ipswich. Among the illustrations in the five numbers published, are views of Meeting-House Hill, in 1839, and Richard Saltonstall's house, built about 1635; also coats of arms of Wainwright and Denison from tombstones. The views have been printed separately, as has also an article on Wainwright.

*History of the Town of Lancaster, Massachusetts, from the First Settlement to the Present Time.* 1643—1879. By Rev. ABIAH P. MARVIN, Author of the "History of Winchendon" and the "History of Worcester in the War of the Rebellion." [Motto.] Lancaster. Published by the Town. 1879. [8vo. pp. 798. Price \$4.00.]

The rapidly increasing literature of our local history has a notable contribution in this fine volume. The old historic town has been as wise as generous in providing for its publication, and the Rev. Mr. Marvin, the author, is not a novice in such work. The result is a volume of interest which must have wide and enduring value. The maps and illustrations are genuine contributions, and not simply the unintelligent groupings of a picture book.

A significant feature of this work is the extent to which the author has made the records of the town its basis. He has followed the thread of its official action very closely, and in so doing we think he has set a good example to other writers of town histories. It is possible that a just criticism may bear upon this point, and that this feature, excellent in itself, has too exclusive prominence.

The organ of a society which makes genealogy one of its specialties will naturally notice with regret the rather conspicuous omission of family history. The demand of the public for genealogical details in our local histories is manifest, and we deem it proper. And if the materiel which fills these handsome pages had been so much condensed as to have given two or three hundred to the details which Lancaster records alone must contain of family history, births, marriages and deaths, the author would have been not less but more faithful to his principle of following the records, and would have greatly enhanced the value of the book. If even the index had been

made more complete, and contained, at least once, all the names occurring in the volume, it would have been far more useful in this direction. As it is, Lancaster owes the world another volume in which its family histories shall be as faithfully presented as its general history is in these pages; and we hope that the enterprise and sagacity, so manifest here, will not long delay a supplementary and genealogical volume.

[By the Rev. Henry A. Hazen, A.M., of Billerica.]

*Vick's Floral Guide.* 1880. [8vo. pp. 96. Published by James Vick, Rochester, N. Y. Sent for a five cent stamp.]

This beautiful pamphlet has one colored flower-plate and five hundred illustrations with descriptions of the best flowers and vegetables, with the price of seeds and directions how to grow them. The work can be had either in the English or the German language. By the same publisher is issued "Vick's Illustrated Monthly Magazine," 32 pages, with a colored plate and other fine engravings in each number. Price \$1.25 a year.

*An Historical Address, delivered at Groton, Massachusetts, February 20, 1880, by Request of the Citizens, at the Dedication of Three Monuments erected by the Town.* By SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, a Native of the Town. Groton: 1880. [8vo. pp. 56.]

The three monuments commemorate the sites of the first meeting-house in Groton, built in 1666 and burnt by the Indians in 1676; the dwelling of William Longley, where, in 1694, he and his wife and five children were slain by the Indians, and from which three other children were carried into captivity; and the house in which was born Col. William Prescott, who led the troops who erected the American fortifications at Bunker Hill in 1775. We believe that Dr. Green was the first to suggest the erection of these monuments; and it was fitting that one who has shown in many ways his zeal in perpetuating the memory of the men and events of past times in his native town, should deliver the address on this occasion. None could have done it better.

We hope that other historic sites in Groton will be commemorated in like manner, and that other towns will follow the example that this town has set. How few of the many sites of this kind in Boston are marked even by a tablet!

*Richmond as a Manufacturing and Trading Centre, including a Historical Sketch of the City.* By R. A. Brock, Esq., Corresponding Secretary Virginia Historical Society. Richmond, Va.: Published by Jones & Cook. 1880. [8vo. pp. 92. Illustrated by a "Map showing the Transportation Facilities of Richmond." Price 50 cts.]

We have here a very valuable work, which gives not only the natural and acquired advantage of Richmond as a manufacturing and trading centre, but a sketch of the early and later history of the capital of the Old Dominion. It has a complete list of all wholesale and manufacturing houses, and the transportation facilities of the city.

*History of Worcester County, Massachusetts, embracing a Comprehensive History of the County from the first settlement to the present time, with a History and Description of its Cities and Towns. Illustrated.* . . . Boston: C. F. Jewett & Company. 1879. [2 vols. 4to. pp. 662 and 710. Price \$12 for the set.]

This work, in two large quarto volumes of about 700 pages each, printed on paper manufactured in the county, expressly for the purpose, is attractive in its general appearance, although we notice in the last part of volume second many imperfect letters, which was probably the fault of the electrotyper. The volumes are quite fully illustrated by wood cuts of more than ordinary excellence, representing public buildings and many views of private residences, factories and shops. Some of the illustrations are of historical interest, such as the first court house, built in 1732-3, the old South Church at Worcester, the Wait tavern at West Brookfield, the old Paine House at Worcester, built just after the revolution, and the old Chandler house, last occupied by the late Judge I. M. Barton, of Worcester.

The introduction of so many views of modern private residences may be a matter of questionable taste in a historical work, but undoubtedly it will be acceptable to the general public. A few good portraits of prominent citizens of the county have also been provided by the publishers, and add to the value of the volumes. Among

them is a portrait of Samuel Slater, of Webster, who has been called the "Father of Cotton Manufactures of the United States." A fine steel-plate portrait of ex-Governor Levi Lincoln, representing him as he appeared in his prime, probably about the time he occupied the executive chair, is of special interest.

The plan of the work does not admit of that exhaustive treatment which would be desired by many, but it brings out many facts of historical value and interest, and gives a general idea of the present condition of the several towns.

The first two hundred pages of volume one are devoted to the history of the county as a whole, prepared by Rev. A. P. Marvin, author of "The History of Winchendon." This portion of the work has been very carefully revised by Judge P. Emory Aldrich and Samuel F. Haven, LL.D. (the learned librarian of the American Antiquarian Society), which is a guarantee for its general correctness.

The editor is deserving of special commendation for the judicious manner in which he has condensed the large amount of material at his disposal, giving the important facts in concise and plain terms.

The history commences with the topography and geology of the county, in two chapters; then follows an interesting chapter devoted to the Indians and their depredations upon the early settlers.

The county of Worcester was incorporated in 1731, and the fourth chapter gives us the principal facts in regard to its incorporation, followed by a brief account of the origin of the several towns. Chapters six and seven recite the history of the courts and the administration of justice, with interesting notices of some of the remarkable trials that have taken place in the county. One of the most celebrated, and which attracted great attention and was the cause of much discussion at the time, is that of Bathsheba Spooner and others in 1778, for the murder of her husband. Levi Lincoln, senior (attorney general of the U.S. under Jefferson) conducted the case for the defence, Robert Treat Paine, State's attorney, appearing for the prosecution, and the case became a prominent one in the legal history of the county. The social position of Mrs. Spooner (she was a daughter of Brigadier Ruggles) and the peculiar circumstances attending the execution, caused great excitement, thousands of persons being present.

The history of the county during the war of the revolution is given in a concise and interesting manner; the exciting times of Shays's rebellion are also well set forth in another chapter. The educational interests, including notices of the higher schools and academies, are fully treated upon, and the religious history, although briefly given, is extended enough to give a general outline of the subject, showing the present condition of the different sects, and appears to be free from special denominational bias. There is also a chapter upon the literary, agricultural and scientific societies and associations.

The remaining pages of the county history are devoted to a brief account of the press of the county, and a short notice of military affairs, closing with a chapter on four celebrated inventors—Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton-gin, Thomas Blanchard, who invented machines for turning irregular forms, Erastus B. Bigelow and the carpet loom, and Elias Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine.

Mr. Marvin has also prepared historical notices of twelve of the towns in the county, and may be said to have made a success in condensing into a few pages matter that might well have been extended four fold; this is especially noticeable in the towns of Brookfield, Lancaster and Sterling.

Many of the towns receive but the briefest notice, probably for the reason that the writers were confined by the publishers to a limited number of pages. This is to be regretted, as many interesting facts in the history of these towns are not referred to. It gives, however, a general view of the history of each town, and imparts much desirable information.

The history of the town and city of Worcester, which is given in the last one hundred and twenty pages of the second volume, has been carefully and ably prepared by Mr. Charles A. Chase, of Worcester, under the supervision of Dr. S. F. Haven, and of itself would make an interesting volume.

Mr. Chase, in common with the other writers for these volumes, has had the difficult task of bringing the principal facts in the history of the town into a limited number of pages, and he has been very successful in this undertaking. He begins with an account of the first settlement of Quinsigamond, the old Indian name of the town, giving some account of the early land grants, the troubles with the Indians, and notices of early settlers. The incorporation of the town in 1722 is briefly touched upon, with some account of the early public buildings, burying grounds, and the topography and geology of the town. Then follows a chapter

on the early church history, with a cut of the Old South Church built in 1763; also remarks upon the various religious denominations at present represented in the city. The chapter devoted to the part taken by the town in the revolution is of special interest, and the more important facts are given in concise and fitting language. Educational matters, railroads of the city, and important business enterprises, are subjects of consideration, and receive such attention as the limits of the work will allow. A chapter is devoted to brief biographical notices of early residents and eminent citizens of the town; among them the Chandlers, Paines and Lincolns; Isaiah Thomas, Gov. John Davis, as also of prominent citizens now living. The closing chapter gives some account of the most important industries of the city, and also a good idea of its enterprise and business activity.

The publishers have aimed to make the work a credit to the county and themselves, and have been successful in their efforts; it is also a valuable addition to our local histories. N. P.

*Private Libraries of Providence, with a Preliminary Essay on the Love of Books.*

By HORATIO ROGERS. Providence: Sidney S. Rider. 1878. [Square 8vo. pp. iv. + [2] + 255, ill. and pl. Half calf. Price \$6.00.]

Sir Arthur Helps, in his "Spanish Conquest in America," testifies thus concerning collectors of books on this side of the Atlantic: "They are exceedingly liberal and courteous in the use of them, and seem really to understand what the object should be in forming a great library."\* The context shows the immediate occasion of this testimony to have been the courtesy of one of the Providence collectors in furnishing him with material not accessible in England. That this instance, moreover, is not an isolated one, Mr. Rogers himself gives evidence. [See pp. 69-70, 104-105.] Eight of the most noteworthy of the Providence collections are here described, and, with nearly all, the owners' book-plate, and a view of the interior, are added. Besides the library of the late John Carter Brown (which is, perhaps, the best known of these private libraries), Mr. Rogers includes that of Mr. Caleb Fiske Harris, whose collection of American poetry was of such invaluable service to Professor M. C. Tyler in the preparation of his "History of American Literature," and which is pronounced by him "the most extensive in the world;"† that of Mr. John Russell Bartlett, which is essentially a working library, in the departments of geography and archaeology; and of Mr. Sidney S. Rider, in whose specialty (Rhode Island history) his collection is not even surpassed by the state government. We may add that the entomological library of Professor A. S. Packard, Jr., whose richness is particularized by Mr. S. H. Scudder, in the 1880 Harvard College Library Bulletin [Jan. p. 21], has been transferred to Providence since the date of Mr. Rogers's work [1878]. The other libraries described are noteworthy for careful discrimination of editions, ownership of rare copies, and taste in binding. The book is an admirable representative of a class of literature which is surprisingly small; and, if executed with equal taste and judgment, it is to be hoped that similar works will be undertaken for other cities.

The aggregate number of volumes in these eight libraries is more than 54,000, which, added to the more than 160,000 volumes accessible in the various public and semi-public libraries of the city, indicates a richness of literary resources. In respect of quality, however, which is, in the case of the private libraries, of immeasurably greater importance than quantity, doubtless these collections would compare very favorably with those of other cities of similar size. Mr. Rogers's work was limited to an edition of 250 copies, which is now entirely exhausted. W. E. F.

*A Genealogy of Benjamin Cleveland, a Great-Grandson of Moses Cleveland of Woburn, Mass., and a Native of Canterbury, Windham County, Conn. With an Appendix.* Compiled by his Great-Grandson, HORACE GILLETTE CLEVELAND. [Motto.] Chicago: Printed for the Compiler. 1879. [8vo. pp. 260. Price, post-paid, cloth, with portrait and appendix, \$5; without portrait, \$4; paper, no portrait, \$3. Address H. G. Cleveland, 76 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.]

*Memoir of the Gibbs Family of Warwickshire, England, and United States of America.* Philadelphia: Press of Lewis and Greene. 1879. [Royal 8vo. pp. 52.]

*An Inquiry as to the heirs at law of Maria Stebbins, who died intestate in New York, April 8, 1875, leaving no relations nearer than Cousins. . . .* Compiled by A. S.

\* Helps's "Spanish Conquest in America" [English ed.], v. 3, p. 128.

† Tyler's "History of American Literature," v. I. p. xii.

Wheeler, Brooklyn, N. Y. E. Eckler, Printer, 35 Fulton Street, N. Y. 1880. [8vo. pp. 20.]

*The Bicknells. Inscriptions on Tombstones in Barrington, R. I.* [8vo. pp. 16.]

*Genealogy of the Hill Family from 1632, Including a Biographical Sketch of Joel Barlow.* Norwalk : The Hour Steam Print. [1880. 18mo. pp. 29.]

*The Eddy Family Tree.* Compiled by CHARLES EDDY, M.D. . . . Brooklyn, N. Y. [1880. Broadside, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 22 inches.]

*The Line of Descent from Hugh Drury of Boston, 1640, to Edwin Drury of Wilmette in 1880.* [Broadside, 11 by 17 inches.]

*Dolor Davis.* [1880. Post 4to. pp. 2.]

*The Paine Family Records.* Edited by H. D. PAINE, M.D., 26 West 30th St., New York. No. VI. February, 1880. Munsell, Printer, Albany, N. Y. [8vo. pp. 24.]

We continue this quarter our notices of genealogies recently issued.

The Cleveland genealogy is the complete work, the first portion of which was noticed in the REGISTER for July last (xxxiii. 376). The book, we are told in the preface, is the result of researches made in leisure hours while engaged in exacting business pursuits; but it appears to be as full and accurate as books to which an undivided attention is given. Those who wish to secure copies should order early. It is handsomely printed, with table of contents and index.

The Gibbs volume, printed for the use of relatives, gives descendants of Robert Gibbs, a merchant of Boston in the seventeenth century. It seems to be carefully compiled, and much research is bestowed on the English pedigree. The author is J. Willard Gibbs, of Philadelphia. The book is based upon "Family Notices," a pamphlet issued in 1845 by William Gibbs, of Lexington, and the researches of Prof. Josiah Willard Gibbs, of Yale College, both deceased. It is elegantly printed, and has a folding tabular pedigree.

The Stebbins pamphlet is a genealogical table of the descendants of the two grandfathers of Maria Stebbins, daughter of Simon and Eunice (Whitlock) Stebbins, of New York, namely, Theophilus Stebbins and Robert Whitlock, both of Ridgefield, Ct. Miss Stebbins left real estate in Brooklyn, N. Y., and this pamphlet is issued for the purpose of perfecting the list of heirs-at-law.

The Bicknell pamphlet was prepared, we believe, by the Hon. Thomas W. Bicknell, of Boston, editor of the *New England Journal of Education*, who has in preparation a full genealogy of this family in America.

The Hill pamphlet is by the Rev. Moses Hill, of Norwalk, Ct., and gives descendants of William Hill and John Barlow, early settlers of Fairfield, Ct. It was printed for gratuitous circulation among relatives.

The Eddy Family Tree gives descendants in several lines to the present time. It is well executed.

The broadside of Mr. Drury, of Wilmette, is issued to obtain corrections and additions. He is preparing a genealogy of the Drury family, and solicits information from those interested. He will furnish blanks on application.

The Davis Circular is by the Hon. Horace Davis, M. C. from San Francisco, California. It gives a chronological table of the events in the life of Dolor Davis, who came to New England in 1634 (see REGISTER, xxxiv. 98), and a record of his children. Mr. Davis intends to prepare a full sketch, and asks for any additional facts that may be known to his readers.

The sixth number of the Paine Family Records maintains the interest of the work.

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THE EDITOR requests persons sending books for notice to state, for the information of readers, the price of each book, with the amount to be added for postage when sent by mail.

*History of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, containing Carefully Prepared Histories of every City and Town in the County, by well known Writers; and a General History of the County, from the Earliest to the Present Time.* By SAMUEL ADAMS DRAKE, "Author of Old Landmarks of Boston," "Nooks and Corners of the New England Coast," etc. Vol. I. Illustrated. Boston: Estes and Lauriet, Publishers, 301 Washington Street. 1880. [Royal quarto, pp. 505. By subscription. Price \$7.50 a volume.]

It is unnecessary to spend words defining the position of Middlesex County in New England history, or to assert its preëminence over some of her sister counties of the commonwealth. The fact is that, not to mention Suffolk, three separate counties in Massachusetts are entitled to the distinction of "historic counties," and to each of them belongs distinguished and peculiar honor for the parts they have severally borne in the civilization of New England, and in contributing to the patriotism, valor and intelligence of the century. Plymouth received the little company of May-Flower immigrants, and enjoys a reputation which no section can take from her; Essex witnessed the laying of the foundations for the colony of Massachusetts Bay, and was the scene of the great witchcraft delusion, while Middlesex treasures as its peculiar honor the memories of Concord, Lexington and Bunker Hill, and is the ground on which was formed the first assumption of government, under the royal charter, "by men who brought with them to the New World the germ of an independent state." Middlesex cannot say, "Because the Pilgrims did not land on the shore of Charles River, therefore we are without honor;" and Essex cannot say, "Because the first gun for liberty was not fired in Ipswich, therefore we are without honor." Each of the three counties is entitled to an honor all its own; they are a part of the commonwealth, and the commonwealth shares the honor with them; the commonwealth is a part of New England and the nation, and New England and the nation are richer and better for the spirit of the Pilgrims and the deeds of those men who fought at Concord and Lexington. And these three counties rightly indicate three historic eras. "Not merely accidental collections of adventurers, they are the embodiment of great principles which in time became the ruling ideas of a nation. To New England they indicate not only the boundary between barbarism and civilization, but the centres from which most of her native-born population is derived."

Rich in historic associations, the county of Middlesex and the records of its men and events have been the subject of many volumes, essays and other writings. Of the fifty-six towns within the county, twenty-four, or nearly one half, have had their history published in separate volumes, many of which are elaborate and important works; while a complete body of printed information relating to these towns would comprise more than four hundred and fifty distinct references, a very

large portion of which would be extensive publications. No less than eighty distinct works relate to Charlestown, forty to Cambridge, thirty-five to Lexington, and twenty-five to Concord; and in addition to this, Drake's Boston, Frothingham's Siege of Boston, and all general histories of New England and of the United States, must be consulted, if the student of history would obtain a correct estimate of what has been published on this historic county. This mere outline of information gives some idea of the task before the historian who would attempt to write the history of Middlesex.

The special work of Mr. Drake in the volume under notice, aside from a general editorial revision of all the contributions, has been the writing of a Historical Introduction, comprising the history of the county, and filling 195 pages. He is well qualified for this duty, not only by special training in many fields of local history, but by inherited qualities as well, and an intimacy with the historic localities of this county so well presented in his "Historic Fields and Mansions of Middlesex," published in 1874—a most delightful volume for the antiquary or lover of charming descriptions of country rambles. His history is given in twenty-six divisions, beginning with the history of the Massachusetts Company, giving biographies of the leaders, their religious ideas and political ambitions; next treating of the Pequot and King Philip's wars; the period of historic transition from the Colonial to the Provincial government, and the events immediately preceding the Revolution. Naturally the interest in Mr. Drake's narrative centres in the great events attending the outbreak of the Revolution, and we accord high praise to his treatment of the battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill, the feeling of the country at the beginning of hostilities, and its condition after the investment of Boston. The narrative through the eight chapters covering this period is picturesque and attractive, giving the results of the latest investigations into the minute details of history, and yet written in so vigorous a style as to read like a story, conveying to one the impression that Mr. Drake is doing more than any other writer of history at the present day to render antiquarian studies attractive to the general reader. An account of the fifty years of prosperity enjoyed by the county previous to the southern rebellion, and a review of the industrial interests at the beginning of our second hundred years as a nation, appropriately close the introduction, which we would much like to see reprinted in a less expensive book, as a history of Middlesex county.

The plan of the work comprehends a history of each town from the pen of some distinguished writer, alphabetically arranged, the present volume comprising the histories of twenty-three towns, viz.: Acton, by the Rev. F. P. Wood; Arlington, by William R. Cutter; Ashby, by Francis Tinker; Ashland, by W. F. Ellis and Elias Grout; Ayer, by Dr. Samuel A. Green; Bedford, by J. A. Stearns; Belmont, by Dr. John L. Alexander; Billerica, by Frederic P. Hill; Boxborough, by the Rev. Nathan Thompson; Brighton, by Rev. F. A. Whitney; Burlington, by Samuel Sewall; Cambridge, by Rev. Edward Abbott; Carlisle, by B. F. Heald; Chelmsford, by Frederic P. Hill; Concord, by the Rev. Grindall Reynolds; Dracut, Dunstable and Hopkinton, by the Rev. Elias Nason; Everett, by Dudley P. Bailey; Framingham, by the Rev. Josiah H. Temple; Groton, by Dr. Samuel A. Green; Holliston, by the Rev. George F. Walker, and Hudson, by the Hon. Charles Hudson. Of course there is much similarity of treatment to these several histories, some of which present no new information, while a few give some original documents and fresh facts of importance. In general they treat of the settlement and organization of the towns, the establishment of local, religious and educational institutions, commercial, mercantile and manufacturing industries, descriptions of old land-marks, dwellings and places of historic interest, and personal sketches of leading men. Naturally the more conspicuous of these histories are attached to the historic towns; Cambridge occupying 52 pages, extending to fourteen quite lengthy chapters, and being both original and full in treatment; Concord 25 pages, the matter being exceedingly well arranged in eleven divisions; Dunstable 11 pages, Framingham 17 pages, and Groton 14 pages. A careful study of the several histories comprising this first volume, shows them to be well balanced in almost every particular—fairly treated, no undue prominence being given to unimportant transactions, no over-magnificent biographies, no personal ambition in author or subject gratified; but in every instance a judicious opinion has been rendered and unusually fair judgment given.

In the manufacture of the volume the publishers have displayed good taste, and evinced a liberal expenditure in every department. The type is open and full-faced, clear and easy to read, the matter arranged in double columns, the page-margins liberal. Heavy paper and excellent press-work give a rich look to the volume, while the large size of the page affords good opportunity for illustrations, which form one

of the most attractive mechanical features of the volume. Twenty-six of these are full-page illustrations, seven being portraits. Of special excellence among these engravings are a copy of Trumbull's Bunker Hill, the old Sewall House in Burlington, Washington's Head-quarters in Cambridge, from an old print, Harvard College in 1840, an etching of "The Old Manse," and a portrait of ex-Gov. Talbot. Some of the purely imaginative pieces are full of spirit, and engraved with great care—especially the following: "Whipping Quakers at the Cart's Tail," "Andros a Prisoner in Boston," "The Midnight Call to Arms," "Hooker and his Company at the Border of Connecticut," and a "A False Alarm during King Philip's War." Thirty-five engravings accompany the text of the volume, many being copies of old prints, portraits, historic buildings, etc.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq., Augusta, Me.]

*The History of Middlesex County.* .... By SAMUEL ADAMS DRAKE. .... Vol. II. Illustrated. Boston: Estes and Lauriat. .... 1880. [Royal 4to. pp. 572+17. Subscription price \$15.00 for the set.]

Since the preceding article was in type, the second and concluding volume of Mr. Drake's admirable "History of Middlesex County" has been published. It maintains the high reputation which the first volume has gained. We have here historical articles on the thirty-two remaining towns in the county, namely: Lexington, by the Hon. Charles Hudson; Lincoln, by William F. Wheeler; Littleton, by Herbert J. Harwood; Lowell, by Alfred Gilman; Malden, by D. P. Corey; Marlborough, by the Rev. R. A. Griffin and E. L. Bigelow; Maynard, by Asahel Balcom; Medford, by William H. Whitmore; Melrose, by E. H. Goss; Natick, by the Rev. S. D. Hosmer, assisted by the Rev. Daniel Wight and Austin Bacon; Newton, by the Rev. Samuel F. Smith, D.D.; North Reading, by Hiram Barrus and Col. Carroll D. Wright; Reading, by the same; Pepperell, by Lorenzo P. Blood; Sherborn, by Albert H. Blanchard, M.D.; Shirley, by the Rev. Seth Chandler; Somerville, by E. C. Booth, M.D.; Stoneham, by Silas Dean; Stow, by the Rev. George F. Clark; Sudbury, by the Rev. George A. Oviatt; Tewksbury, by Leonard Huntress, assisted by J. C. Kittredge; Townsend, by Ithamar B. Sawtelle; Tyngsborough, by the Rev. Elias Nason; Wakefield, by Chester W. Eaton; Waltham, by Alexander Starbuck; Watertown, by Francis S. Drake; Wayland, by the Rev. Josiah H. Temple; Westford, by the Rev. Edwin R. Hodgman, assisted by Julian Abbott; Weston, by Charles A. Nelson; Wilmington, by Lemuel C. Eames; Winchester, by Edwin A. Wadleigh; Woburn, by George M. Champney. An appendix furnishes the Judicial History and Civil List of the county. The work has an excellent index; and a list of subscribers closes the volume.

The illustrations in the second volume are of the same high order noticed in the first. An attractive, and for a work of this kind peculiar, feature of both volumes; are the full page etchings of old houses, some of which, like the Old Manse and Wayside Inn, have acquired a world wide celebrity.

Besides the historic renown of Middlesex county for the events which have transpired therein, it has a claim to our attention for its men. Probably no other county in the whole country can produce such an array of distinguished citizens.

Though the chief work of Mr. Drake, the Introduction, appears in the first volume, the editor cannot refrain from expressing his concurrence in the estimate of Mr. Boardman, as to the great value of his labors, particularly on that portion of the work. The first three chapters show exhaustive research of subjects which lie at the foundation of New England history. New views are here presented and old perplexities cleared up.

*The Correct Arms of the State of New York, as established by Law since March 16, 1778. A Historical Essay read before the Albany Institute, December 2, 1879.*  
By HENRY A. HOMES, LL.D., of the State Library. Albany: Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers, 1880. [8vo. pp. 50.]

The learned author of this paper has given a most interesting account of his studies of the history of the great seal of the State of New York, in which is embodied much curious and important information. The device for the Arms of the State was conceived during the battle year of 1777—the crisis of the Revolution—and descriptions are given of three specimens of the arms, all made before 1785, one of which is attached to a military commission signed by Gov. George Clinton, June 25, 1778; one painted upon the flag of the Third New York Regiment, commanded by

Col. Peter Ganesvoort, Jr., which was recruited in 1777, and the third painted upon canvas which was first hung up in St. Paul's Chapel, New York city, over the pew occupied by Gov. George Clinton in 1785. These are all described in detail, and in connection therewith are many historical notes, transcripts of legislative records relating to them, and other matters of interest. The eagle, as the crest of the arms, was probably used by New York earlier than by any of the states, and it now forms the crest of only Maryland and Pennsylvania of the original thirteen. Certain it is that the eagle was not adopted as a portion of the arms of the United States till June 20, 1782, more than four years after its adoption by the State of New York. Dr. Homes says most truly, "The Arms of a people, containing symbols and emblems, adopted under the influence of and exemplifying the ideas and principles of an especial crisis, are of too serious moment to be subject to be changed in accordance with the peculiar fancies of individuals in each successive decade of years;" and every patriotic heart will give a hearty response to this sentiment. As a frontispiece the pamphlet contains a perfect *fac-simile* of the Initial Letter on the Military Commission of 1778, which contains the exact form of the original device of the state arms; and the paper has been printed in advance from the Transactions of the Albany Institute.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*Report and Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. For the years 1877, 1878 and 1879. Volume VIII. Madison, Wis.: David Atwood, State Printer, 1879. [8vo. pp. 511.]*

Few State Historical Societies have worked more diligently or accomplished more in their own line of work in a quarter of a century than has that of Wisconsin. It commenced its operations in 1854 with a library of fifty volumes, and the year following issued in a small pamphlet of 160 pages the first volume of its collections. In that year the society also began the formation of a cabinet of historical and antiquarian relics and a gallery of paintings. During the twenty-five years of its existence, the activity which the society has shown in making collections of all matters relating to the history of the state of Wisconsin, the country at large, and the history and literature of all ages and nations, has been quite remarkable. Its library has increased from fifty volumes to more than eighty-one thousand volumes; the art gallery has been enlarged to nearly one hundred and fifty portraits and paintings, and the cabinet is extensive and rich in pre-historic implements and other objects of antiquity, autographs, coins, medals and natural history specimens. In 1873 the society issued a catalogue of its library in two 8vo. volumes of 639 and 719 pages respectively. The first supplementary volume was published in 1875, comprising 383 pages; and the second in 1878, consisting of 750 pages, the four volumes forming a complete catalogue of the books, pamphlets and maps in the library down to the beginning of the year 1879. Eight volumes of historical collections have been published: The first in 1855, 160 pp.; the second in 1856, 459 pp.; the third in 1857, 547 pp.; the fourth in 1859, 508 pp.; the fifth in 1868 [issued in three parts], 438 pp.; the sixth in 1872, 504 pp.; the seventh in 1876, 495 pp.; and the eighth in 1879, 511 pp. These eight volumes contain a rich collection of articles and information relating to the history, genealogy and antiquities of the state of Wisconsin, together with biographies of her distinguished citizens who have deceased; and their publication, as well as the general work of the society, reflects abundant credit upon the secretary of the society through all these years, Mr Lyman C. Draper, and the librarian, Mr. Daniel S. Durrie, the latter well known to genealogists by his "Index to American Pedigrees," which has passed to a second edition, and has proved a most useful handbook to all students of family history.

The introductory portion of the eighth volume consists of the annual reports of the society for the years 1877, 1878 and 1879, followed by memorial sketches of Prof. S. H. Carpenter and Hon. George B. Smith. Considerable space is given to articles on pre-historic subjects, and among them are one on the Ancient Copper Mines of Lake Superior, by Jacob Houghton; The Mode of Fabrication of Ancient Copper Implements; The Pictured Cave of La Crosse Valley, by Rev. Edward Brown, and the Early Historic Relics of the North-West, by Prof. James D. Butler. Other leading papers are on the Indian Wars of Wisconsin, by Hon. Moses M. Strong; Reminiscences of the Black Hawk War, by Hon. S. Clark; Recollections of the Rev. Eleazer Williams [the assumed Louis XVII. of France], by Gen. A. G. Ellis; Early Exploration and Settlement of Juneau County, by Hon. J. T. Kingston, and the Swiss Colony of New Glarus, by Hon. John Luch-

singer. The volume closes with a Necrology of Wisconsin for the years 1876-78—a most useful feature—and a well prepared index of *thirty-six pages* renders consultation of the matter contained in the volume comparatively easy. It forms a welcome addition to one of the most important series of historical collections now being published in this country.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*A Sketch of the Life of the Rev. Joseph Montgomery.* By JOHN MONTGOMERY FORSTER. Harrisburg, Pa.: Printed for Private Distribution. December, 1879. [8vo. pp. 47.]

An appropriate memoir of one who filled many conspicuous and honorable positions both in church and state during the most trying period of the early history of this country. Born of the good Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock, Mr. Montgomery graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1755, during the presidency of Rev. Aaron Burr, and afterwards preached at Georgetown, New Castle, Harrisburg and other places, being the first clergyman in the town of Harrisburg. He married Elizabeth Reed, probably about 1767. He was twice selected to represent Pennsylvania in the Continental Congress, was a member from Lancaster county to the state legislature, in his ministerial and church work was the friend and associate of patriots like Witherspoon, Rodgers and Spencer, and was many times commissioned to execute important trusts. Bold in his utterances in the cause of independence, he was a man of rare courage and decision, and enjoyed to an unusual degree the respect and confidence of the men of his generation. The biographer has made good use of the somewhat scanty materials upon which he worked, although it is a cause for regret that more definite information and dates were not accessible to strengthen some points in the narrative. A brief genealogy is appended to the memoir, and the pamphlet is neatly printed.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*Westerly (Rhode Island) and its Witnesses, for Two Hundred and Fifty Years. 1626—1876. Including Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond, until their separate Organization, with the Principal Points of their Subsequent History.* By Rev. FREDERIC DENISON, A.M., Corresponding Member of the Rhode Island Historical Society. Providence: Published by J. A. & R. A. Reid. 1878. [Illustrated. 8vo. pp. 314.]

The town of Westerly occupies the extreme south-western corner of the state of Rhode Island, opposite to Stonington in Connecticut. Its population, according to the state census of 1875, was 5,408, and its valuation in 1876 was \$1,421,310. It originally embraced the territory now included in the towns of Westerly, Charlestown, Richmond and Hopkinton, and was occupied by the tribes of Indians known as Niantics, Pequots and Narragansetts, by whom the territory was known as Misquamicut, and of whom it was purchased in 1661.

Mr. Denison devotes twenty-two pages of his work to a history of the aborigines, in which are recorded a list of forty-seven Indian names as belonging to the original limits of the town. A single chapter is given to the first settlement of Westerly by the whites, who were of Massachusetts origin and education, the settlement having been made as early as 1658. Seventeen pages are devoted to a record of its Revolutionary history, including a sketch of Samuel Ward, Lieut. Col. of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment, whose resolutions in town meeting, Feb. 2, 1774, fired the whole state with patriotic enthusiasm; and five to the part taken by the town in the rebellion. Twenty-seven pages give an account of the cemeteries, with inscriptions from them, and considerable space is devoted to incidents of personal history, histories of corporations, associations, schools, and other matters more strictly local. The ecclesiastical history seems to have received most attention, sixty-four pages being occupied with the history and records of the several churches—twenty-two occupied meetinghouses now standing within the original bounds of Westerly.

In the preparation of his history Mr. Denison has employed his materials to good advantage, and the work is well arranged throughout. Still there are some matters which have formed the subjects of entire chapters that appear to us unworthy of such prominence, as for example those on Delusions and Superstitions, Fanatics and Enthusiasts, and Swindles and Swindlers. A few paragraphs each is all these several matters seem to merit. There are other defects of treatment, but they sink into insignificance in comparison with the value of the work to every resident of West-

erly and the collector of local New England histories. Unfortunately, the work, which is very handsomely printed and bound, has no index—a very serious and unpardonable defect.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*The One Hundred Prize Questions in Canadian History, and the Answers of "Hernes" (HENRY MILES, Jnr., of Montreal), the Winner of the First Prize. With an Appendix containing Notes and Comments.* Montreal: Dawson Brothers, Publishers. 1880. [12mo. pp. 123.]

In March, 1879, a series of eight prizes was offered through the *Canadian Spectator*, published at Montreal, to be awarded to those persons who should answer correctly the largest number of questions in Canadian history—the total not to exceed one hundred—and the first prize not to be awarded unless fifty per cent. of the questions should be correctly answered. No catch questions were to be asked, and however simple a question might appear, there was to be connected with it some important historical fact. The object of this competitive study was to encourage a greater and more general interest in Canadian history; and the questions asked embraced a great range of topics pertaining to the historical, political, civil, religious, geographical and social condition of Canada, as well as those pertaining to the commerce, manufactures, arts and industrial progress of the Dominion. Many of these questions are very plain, such as—Who was the first governor of Canada? What is the oldest incorporated town in the Dominion? and What is the date of the settlement of Kingston? But others are quite obscure, as for instance: What Knight had among his pall-bearers one who had arrested him for treason, and an Attorney General who had issued a warrant for his arrest for high treason against his sovereign? and What provincial troops of the American colonies took part in the conquest of Canada, and in what battles were they engaged? Mr. Miles answered correctly the one hundred questions, in every instance giving his authority—some of the answers with explanatory notes and readings occupying from one to three pages, though generally they are limited to from three to a dozen lines. The answers are very entertaining, as well as instructive, and betray a close familiarity with Canadian history. An Appendix of 36 pages contains critical and illustrative notes on the answers of Mr. Miles, from the pen of the Count Premio-Real, Consul General of Spain to Quebec; and the little volume contains two admirable indices—one of persons and places mentioned, and another of writers and authorities consulted.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*The History and Traditions of Marblehead.* By SAMUEL ROADS, Jr. Boston: Houghton, Osgood and Company, Riverside Press, Cambridge. 1880. [8vo. pp. xviii.+423.]

This work is printed in large type and is handsomely illustrated, presenting altogether a remarkably clear, legible and fine appearance. It is written in simple style without any attempt at fine writing, making a very interesting account of this quaint old town—one of the earliest in the commonwealth. The early record of the town, previous to the Revolution, is apparently written in a painstaking, conscientious, though hardly comprehensive manner, the author occasionally describing measures without giving their results, or mentioning whether or not such results were known.

Marblehead has always been an object of interest not only to the tourist but to the historian, the philosopher and the student of human nature. Its antiquity, antedating the settlement of Boston, when the colony was under the control of Governor Endicott, the marked difference between its settlers and those of the old Puritan stock, its quaintness, its old-fashioned yet picturesque appearance but little concealed by the dress of its later life, its isolated position, the natural grandeur of its rock-bound shore, the romantic legends and traditions connected with its history, the rugged, original character of its inhabitants, and the number of famous public men it has sent forth, all commend its history to the attention of the scholar, and render these pages more than ordinarily interesting.

The illustrations consist of portraits of Judge Joseph Story, Governor Elbridge Gerry, Brig.-Gen. John Glover, Azor Orne, Judge Samuel Sewall, a descendant of the more celebrated judge of that name, and Commodore Samuel Tucker, together with residences of prominent citizens and public buildings. The frontispiece is an exceedingly accurate picture of the town and harbor. The index is sufficiently copi-

ous for ordinary purposes. As a whole, while not adding much new matter to the domain of local or genealogical history, this book will worthily fill a place especially in the former department of literature.

[By *Oliver B. Stebbins, of Boston.*]

*Rhode Island Historical Tracts, No. 6. The Centennial Celebration of the Battle of Rhode Island, at Portsmouth, R. I., August 29, 1878.* Providence: Sidney S. Rider. 1878. [Sq. 4to. pp. 118.]

*Rhode Island Historical Tracts, No. 7. The Journal of a Brigade Chaplain in the Campaign of 1779, against the Six Nations, under command of Major-General Sullivan.* By the Rev. WILLIAM ROGERS, D.D. With Introductions and notes by the Publisher. Providence: Sidney S. Rider. 1879. [Sq. 4to. pp. 136.]

It is gratifying to the lovers of New England local history to notice that Mr. Rider goes steadily forward with the publication of his unique little books of history, so neatly printed and attractive mechanically as to command admiration, and so choice in contents as to deserve consideration from every historical student.

The first of the tracts above named embraces the Oration pronounced at the centennial anniversary of the Battle of Rhode Island, by Hon. Samuel G. Arnold, devoted to a review of the events and incidents of the battle which Lafayette called the "best-fought action of the war" of the Revolution. This is followed by three contemporaneous accounts of the battle: one from the German officers who were eye witnesses and participants in the affair; one being the views of Gen. Lafayette upon the engagement, given by him in conversation when on his visit to Providence in 1824, and written out at the time by Col. Ephraim Brown, and the third contained in a letter from Major-General R. Pigot to Sir Henry Clinton—being a semi-official report of affairs from July 31 to August 31, 1778. To add completeness to the narrative, the report of Major-Gen. Sullivan to the president of Congress is given, together with the orders of that officer, showing that the colored regiment under Col. Green did good service, and was entitled to a fair share of the honors of the day.

Mr. Rider includes the Journal of Dr. Rogers in his Rhode Island series, simply because its author was a native of that state, and for some years engaged in ministerial work in Newport. In 1778 he was appointed a brigade chaplain in the Pennsylvania line, which position he held till June, 1781, when he retired from the military service. The journal, which was originally printed in a Providence newspaper in 1823, extends from the 15th of June to the 6th of September, 1779, and records the events of Gen. Sullivan's expedition to protect the frontier, after the massacre of Wyoming, August 29. Mr. Rider has enriched his tract with a biographical sketch of Dr. Rogers, a historical introduction, and copious illustrative notes. This, as well as the previously mentioned tract, is embellished with helpful maps of the scene of operations.

[By *Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.*]

*A Memoir of Henry C. Carey. Read before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, January 5, 1880.* By WILLIAM ELDER. Philadelphia: Henry Carey Baird & Co., 810 Walnut Street. 1880. [8vo. pp. 39. Price 75 cts. Sent by the publishers, or for sale by A. Williams & Co., 233 Washington Street, Boston.]

Mr. Henry C. Carey was one of the most distinguished citizens of Philadelphia, in which city he was born in 1793, and after having reached the ripe age of 86 years, he deceased there in October, 1879. He was a son of Matthew Carey, the old publisher, and was himself actively engaged in the publishing and bookselling business from boyhood, really till the year 1835 (having been identified with leading publishing firms in that city), when he retired to enjoy the competency which the business had brought him, and to devote his time more fully to those studies which the business associations with books had developed in him, and for which he had great a fondness. These related wholly to the various phases of social science, the labor and wages question, statistics of production and industry, finance, the relations of capital and labor, and similar topics. He was a most firm and consistent advocate of the protective or defensive policy in international trade, philosophical in his thought, able in the expression of his views, writing always from a deep sense of his convictions, and generous to his opponents of every public measure. Between the years 1835 and 1872 he wrote and published nine learned and comprehensive treatises on political economy, in all comprised in thirteen large volumes; while concurrently with these, and even down to the year of his death, he published nearly



sixty pamphlets, many of them approaching the dignity of volumes, while the articles contributed to the *New York Tribune*, *Philadelphia North American*, and other leading journals, would be sufficient to fill a dozen large volumes. During the period of these active studies and authorship, Mr. Carey thrice visited Europe, and while abroad made the acquaintance of many distinguished scientists with whom he afterwards kept up a frequent correspondence and exchange of publications; while at home, his house was weekly the scene of a literary and social gathering composed of the leading writers and ablest thinkers of Philadelphia. His only mental training was that which his early associations with books gave him, but he made the most of his opportunities, became a forcible, polished writer, and at his decease left his large library—a rich and varied collection relating to all the branches of social science—to the University of Pennsylvania.

The memorial of Dr. Elder deals more with an analysis of the system of Mr. Carey's social science, and of his several writings, than with a personal history of the man; but as a whole it appears adequate and just, and we certainly hope a more complete memoir will be published at no very distant day. The little volume under notice is embellished with a good portrait of Mr. Carey—a striking likeness and fine head.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*Lessons of Law and Life from John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indian Nations of New England.* By ROBERT BOODEY CAVERLY, of the Massachusetts U. S. Bar, author of "Epics, Lyrics and Ballads;" "Duston and the Indian Wars of New England;" *Legends* (Historic, Dramatic and Comic); "Battle of the Bush," and of other works. Boston, Mass.: Moses H. Sargent & Sons. 1880. [pp. 98.]

The author of this well printed volume is an enthusiastic admirer of the famous apostle to the Indians, and therefore writes of him *con amore*. He enters heartily into the spirit of the times in which the celebrated preacher to the Indians labored, and vividly reproduces him, together with his worthy congregations, and the toils, the sufferings, the christian heroism which made him great. The poetic imagination of the author is manifest on every page, setting forth, sometimes in rhythm, the trying scenes and circumstances of puritan life, in contact with that of the aborigines, distinctly to the eye.

The subject-matter of this volume was originally given in lectures, and therefore the style exhibits a little more of colloquial freedom than is common in didactic narrative; yet this method serves to impress the events more deeply on the mind, and to make the personages stand forth in living individuality before us. In the adventures, trials and sufferings of the early settlers of New England, we find a vast storehouse of material for the historian, novelist and poet, and we can truly say as we look over it, "Truth is stranger than fiction."

Among the lofty characters of that period, JOHN ELIOT rises grandly prominent, as a man of simple faith and manners, of untiring industry, of ardent zeal, and of remarkable humanity and christian love. Of him it may be said, the golden oil of his lamp was to the last particle consumed in doing good. In this respect he was a model man; and every attempt to portray his life we hail with thankfulness; for such works, on the young especially, exert an influence ever bearing them towards industry, patriotism, manliness, learning and humanity. For reasons such as these we tender to the author of this new life of Eliot our grateful acknowledgments, and trust that all his efforts to do good may eventuate in success.

The work is dedicated to the clergy and Sabbath-School teachers of New England, and is ornamented with five beautiful engravings.

[By the Rev. Elias Nason, A.M., of North Billerica.]

*Wearing the Blue, in the Twenty-Fifth Mass. Volunteer Infantry, with Burnside's Coast Division, 18th Army Corps and the Army of the James.* By J. WALDO DENNY. Worcester: Putnam and Davis, Publishers. 1879. Boston. [8vo. pp. 523. 200 Heliotypes, Heliotype Printing Co.]

The history of a regiment in the war brings to light a flood of data which cannot be compassed in a history of larger scope. The field of research is limited to the marches, exploits and incidents of a single regiment. In this there is at once interest and enthusiasm. The above new history of the 25th Mass. Volunteers is an excellent one. It is full of interest from the outset. A stranger to every officer and private in its ranks can peruse each of its more than five hundred pages and be interested in them all. If this be true, those who were members of it, or had brothers,

sons or husbands in its ranks will be more than interested. The citizens of Worcester county, from which it was recruited, should welcome it. The regimental feeling is quite strongly expressed, but this is pardonable. There were many excellent troops gathered from the several states, who did most loyal service; and they cherishing pride in their own ranks, would be likely to challenge the feeling current throughout the pages of the book. There are some two hundred heliotypes of officers and privates to embellish the work. Sixty-six pages contain a complete roster of the regiment, full of value in itself. Colonels Edwin Upton and Josiah Pickett were the colonels commanding. It is withal the kind of history each of the valiant regiments should have.

[By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., of Weymouth.]

*The History of Redding, Conn., from the First Settlement to the Present Time, with Notes on [many of its Early] Families.* By CHARLES BARR TODD, Author of "A History of the Burr Family." New York: John A. Gray, Publisher. 1880. [8vo. pp. 255. Price \$2.00. A. Williams and Co., Boston.]

The histories which record the thoughts and doings of the common people are those which lend much aid to historical research. Family and local history, which comes close to the thought of the common folk, gives an interest and spirit which is not in those of general interest. The readers of these works may be limited, but they are offered a compensation real and earnest. Redding is one of those towns of Connecticut which with her sister towns passed the trials and struggles incident to establishment and prosperity. Her early men were worthy, her record in the Revolution patriotic, her regard for church, school and civil affairs unabated, and her farming and manufacturing interests have not been neglected. The author is the compiler of the excellent history of the Burr family. This history of Redding is replete with documentary matter, and is of value. The author encountered the old, old difficulty of gathering family history, and that which is particularly local, which ever adds a thrill to a history of this kind. It is, however, excellent in arrangement, and should be specially prized by those having an interest in Redding. The following are the names of those families of whom accounts are given: Adams, Banks, Barlow, Bartlett, Bartham, Bates, Beach, Benedict, Betts, Burr, Burritt, Burton, Chattfield, Couch, Darling, Fairchild, Foster, Gold, Gorham, Gray, Griffin, Hall, Hawley, Hill, Heron, Hull, Jackson, Lee, Lyon, Lord, Mallory, Meade, Meeker, Merchant, Morehouse, Perry, Platt, Read, Rogers, Rumsey, Sunford, Smith and Stow. The frontispiece is a portrait of Joel Barlow, the poet and statesman, a native of the town, who died and was buried at Zarniwicka, an obscure town in Poland, where he was on duty for the government in 1812.

[By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., of Weymouth.]

*Vincetown and its Churches.* By Rev. WALTER CHAMBERLIN. [8vo. pp. 27. Price 25 cts. To be obtained from the Rev. Mr. Chamberlin, the author, Vincetown, New Jersey.]

This seems to be a carefully compiled history of the churches in Vincetown, N. J., by the present pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church there. Particular attention has been paid to giving a full list of the ministers of the churches and their terms of service, and the author has been very successful in doing this. Prefixed is a glance at the ecclesiastical history of that part of New Jersey in which Vincetown is situated.

*Chester and its Vicinity, Delaware County, in Pennsylvania; with Genealogical Sketches of some old Families.* By JOHN HILL MARTIN, Esq. Philadelphia. 1877. [Portrait of author. Large 8vo. pp. 530. Edition of 500 copies, privately printed.]

There is nothing in this stout volume, crowded as it is with facts, to indicate its origin, but judging from the double columns upon the page, and the headings of the several chapters, or numbers, which extend to LV., we conclude the matter must have originally appeared in the columns of some local journal. Moreover, the several numbers are somewhat sketchy and disconnected in treatment, abounding in recollections, extracts from newspapers, copies of old deeds, letters and inscriptions, genealogical and family records and materials, and being more of the character of materials for history than the well digested and well arranged history itself. But this is not mentioned to detract from the interest or the value of the book; indeed it shows great care, patience, industry and accuracy in its preparation, and the recollections of old-time life and manners among the Swedes and Friends (for Chester was settled by the Swedes as early as 1645), are very interest-

ing. It is chiefly for its family history that it will be most regarded, the volume comprising full histories of one hundred and fourteen families, mostly old English families who settled in Chester about the time of Penn. Mr. Martin, the author, is a Philadelphia lawyer, who is now engaged on a work giving a history of the Bench and Bar of that city—which is new ground to the local historian—and which we are sure will be admirably performed.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*A Sketch of Elder Daniel Hix. With the History of the First Christian Church in Dartmouth, Mass., for One Hundred Years.* By S. M. ANDREWS. New Bedford: E. Anthony & Sons, Printers. 1880. [Sm. 12mo. pp. 204. Price \$1. For sale by the Rev. S. M. Andrews, North Dartmouth, Mass.]

Elder Hix, who belonged to a family of clergymen, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., Nov. 30, 1755, and died in Dartmouth March 22, 1838. The present First Christian Church in that town was founded as a Baptist church in the spring of 1780, and Elder Hix was ordained as its first minister in July of that year. Here for more than fifty years he had the pastoral charge. The denominational change was made early in this century. On the occasion of this change, Elder Hix preached a sermon, the manuscript of which is still preserved. It is printed in full in this volume.

The author of the book, the Rev. S. M. Andrews, is the present pastor. He has been fortunate in finding materials illustrating the history of the church and the life of Elder Hix. The self-denying labors by which this earnest and unselfish minister built up and sustained the church are shown in these pages. Much also of the history of the town is found here.

Since the publication of this book, namely, on the 21st of May last, the one hundredth anniversary of this church was celebrated with appropriate exercises in the meetinghouse at Hixville. The Rev. Benjamin S. Batchelder preached the sermon, and the pastor and other ministers took part in the services.

*A South-East View of the Great Town of Boston in New England, America.* [Size of print, 18½ by 10 in. Price 75 cts. For sale by A. Williams & Co., Boston.]

This is a reduced fac-simile, by the Albertype process, of Price's "View of Boston," representing the town in 1743. It is thus inscribed: "To Peter Faneuil, Esq", this Prospect of the Town of Boston is Humbly Dedicated By Your most obed. Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>, Wm. Price."

The Rev. Dr. Greenwood in his "History of King's Chapel" (p. 46), refers to "an old engraving which I have examined representing the town of Boston as it was in 1720;" and on p. 215 he gives a view of the chapel in 1720, evidently taken from that engraving. "This small extract," says Mr. Winsor in his remarks on the Price engraving before the Massachusetts Historical Society, May 13, 1880, "by comparison is shown to correspond with Price's view . . . even to the bad drawings of the buildings, but with two significant differences. Beacon Hill has shrubbery on it in the large print, and the Hancock House, erected in 1737, cuts the southerly line of Beacon-Hill slope, and these are not in the vignette." Mr. Winsor gave reasons for believing that Price's plate was engraved between 1723 and 1729, and that additions to it and other changes were made in 1743. We join with Mr. Winsor in the hope that an impression of the picture as originally engraved may be brought to light.

*Elijah Fisher's Journal while in the War for Independence, and Continued Two Years after he Came to Maine. 1775—1784.* Augusta: Press of Badger and Manly. 1880. [Small 4to. pp. 20.]

The author of this journal, Elijah Fisher, was born in Norton, June 18, 1758. He had seven brothers who did service in the Revolutionary war. He himself enlisted three times during the war, and served nearly six years. After the revolution he settled in Sylvester-Canada, now Turner, Me.

The journal here printed is a consolidation of several diaries kept from time to time, and was put into its present shape by the author in 1784. The original of one of these diaries of Mr. Fisher, that relating to the revolutionary war, "much dilapidated and in some parts hardly legible, though enough remains to show that he carefully copied it into 'his book,'" is in the possession of William B. Lapham, M.D., of Augusta, Me., the editor of the consolidated journal before us. This journal was first printed in the "Old Times Column"—where other valuable documents have been preserved—of the *Maine Farmer*, of which Dr. Lapham is the editor.

Dr. Lapham in his preface says, "The orthography I have not changed, nor made corrections in grammar, or otherwise, preferring to present the simple story of his experiences of nine eventful years in his own way." This is a valuable addition to the historical materials illustrating the times of the revolution. Dr. Lapham deserves high praise for the labor he has bestowed upon it.

*Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths of the Town of Sturbridge [Mass.]. From the Settlement of the Town [1738] to 1816.* Published by George M. Whitaker, Southbridge, Mass. 1879. [8vo. pp. 109.]

This book is a verbatim copy of the births, marriages and deaths of the town of Sturbridge, one of the towns of central Massachusetts. The record was only brought down to 1816, as at that time a large part of the town was set off to help form the present town of Southbridge. There is a valuable index to it. To the genealogist this work is of great worth, and at a moment's glance one can seek out the information it offers. There should be books of the same character of the other towns of New England.

[By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr.]

*The Hammatt Papers. No. 1. (Printed from the MS. in Public Library.) The Early Inhabitants of Ipswich, Mass., 1633-1700.* By ABRAHAM HAMMATT. 1854. Printed Quarterly. 1880. Press of the Ipswich Antiquarian Papers: A. Caldwell, A. W. Dow. [8vo. pp. 52. Price 20 cts. a number. Sold only by subscription. Address the Rev. Augustine Caldwell, P. O. Box 159, Ipswich, Mass.]

Abraham Hammatt, of Ipswich, who died in that town, August 9, 1854, at the age of 74, was an accurate and painstaking antiquary. He spent much of his time, during the last years of his life, in collecting facts concerning the early inhabitants of Ipswich. His manuscripts were deposited by his widow, since deceased, in the Ipswich Public Library, where they are still preserved. The Rev. Augustine Caldwell, the editor of the Ipswich "Antiquarian Papers" (see REGISTER, xxxiv. 230), has undertaken the publication of these manuscripts, as a serial, and the first number, with a photo-electrotype portrait of Mr. Hammatt, is now before us. The arrangement of the work is alphabetical, and the first number begins with Abbott and ends with Chase. The forthcoming numbers are to be illustrated by Mr. Arthur W. Dow, with views of historic houses, seals found upon wills, ancient gravestones, etc. The edition will be but small, and those interested in the history or genealogy of old Ipswich will do well to send in their subscriptions early.

*Alabama Historical Reporter, being the Monthly Proceedings of the Alabama Historical Society, Headquarters at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.* [Published Monthly by the Society. 8vo. pp. 4 each, at 25 cents a year.]

Under this title a periodical was commenced in October, 1879, at Tuscaloosa, devoted to the proceedings of the Alabama Historical Society. The annual meeting of the society is held on the 1st of July. The monthly meetings are on the first Friday in each month. The initiation fee is one dollar, and there is an annual assessment of one dollar. Seven numbers of the Reporter, from October, 1879, to April, 1880, are before us. Much material for the history of the state is here preserved.

*Old Times: A Magazine devoted to the Preservation and Publication of Documents relating to the Early History of North Yarmouth, Maine; including as far as possible any Incidents worthy of Record relative to the Towns of Harpswell, Freeport, Pownal, Cumberland and Yarmouth, all offshoots of the Old Town; also Genealogical Records of the Principal Families and Biographical Sketches of the most distinguished Residents of the Town.* Vol. 4, No. 2. AUGUSTUS W. CORLISS [Editor]. Yarmouth, Maine, April 1, 1880. [8vo. Published quarterly, pp. 40. Price 30 cents a number. Address the Editor, P. O. Box 261, Yarmouth, Me.]

This valuable periodical, which we have before noticed, shows no diminution in the value or interest of its contents. The idea of preserving materials for the history of a town by a periodical publication is a good one, and we hope to see the example followed by other towns. This mode of publication furnishes a means of correcting errors and establishing on a sure foundation the facts of history.

The number before us contains a map of North Yarmouth, showing the original land-lots of that town as re-surveyed in 1741. This map, which was furnished by

William M. Sargent, of Portland, was traced from the original on the town records, where it is liable to be destroyed by fire. Capt. Corliss writes us that other maps will be reproduced if the towns interested will aid him. The present number, besides other valuable articles, has the commencement of the North Yarmouth Proprietors' Records, which give a full history of the town from 1681 to 1779. This, when completed, will be a valuable addition to the printed local history of New England.

*The Life of Rev. Charles Nerinckx: With a Chapter on the Early Catholic Missions of Kentucky; Copious Notes on the Progress of Catholicity in the United States of America from 1800 to 1825; an Account of the Establishment of the Society of Jesus in Missouri; and a Historical Sketch of the Sisterhood of Loretto in Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, etc.* By Rev. CAMILLUS P. MAES, Priest of the Diocese of Detroit. [Motto.] Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1880. [Portrait. 8vo. pp. xvii.+635. Price by mail, \$2.50.]

The quite comprehensive title quoted in full gives a very clear idea of the scope and object of the volume under notice, which forms a copious history of the Catholic Church in Kentucky, Maryland, Louisiana, Missouri and the south-western states, as well as a biography of Father Nerinckx, who for a period of thirty years was a faithful and devoted missionary in those parts. Born in Brabant, Belgium, in 1761, Father Nerinckx came to America in 1804, and at once entered upon his missionary labors in Kentucky. Finding the people very poor, and feeling a great need of money, he wrote to Belgium for help—not only of money, but of men willing to work in the mission. The chapter in which Mr. Maes depicts the poverty and suffering of the early Catholic settlers in the south-west, and of the hardships of Father Nerinckx and other missionaries in ministering to them, forms a most interesting portion of his narrative. The labors of Father Nerinckx in establishing missions in behalf of education, in the support of schools and churches, were very arduous and attended with great results. He visited Europe in 1815, and again in 1820, for the purpose of obtaining help, and of inducing the immigration of Christian workers into the states of Kentucky and Missouri. He left the former state in 1824 for Missouri, his death occurring at St. Genevieve, in that state, on the 12th of August, 1824.

In the summing up and review of the life of Father Nerinckx, Mr. Maes gives a graphic picture of his devotion and enthusiasm, his kindness to the sick, his desire for the welfare of his people, his love for children, his interest in education, his humility, piety, and self-sacrificing labors for the church, and his unbounded confidence in the Divine Providence. It is much to be doubted if among the large number of missionary priests in our country during the first quarter of this century, there is one more worthy of admiration and gratitude than the subject of this memoir. While the volume is chiefly devoted to the life of Father Nerinckx, it also records the establishment of a great number of towns and cities in Kentucky, and of the growth of the Catholic church in the south-west. It can but be regarded as a conspicuous contribution to the history of the Catholic Church in America, as well as an appropriate memoir of one of its most devoted missionaries.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*Historical Sketches of Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Penn.* By HENDRICK B. WRIGHT, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. . . . Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Brothers, 306 Chestnut Street. [1873. Duodecimo, pp. 419.]

On the 28th of December, 1768, "the Susquehanna Company held a meeting at Hartford, Conn., to make preliminary arrangement for settling the Wyoming lands. It was then resolved that five townships, each five miles square, should be granted to two hundred settlers; that forty should set out immediately, and the remaining one hundred and sixty the following spring. The five townships thus decreed to be laid out were Plymouth, Kingston, Hanover, Wilkes-Barre and Pittston. The names of all of them were not then assigned; but Plymouth was one of those then designated."

The white settlement of Plymouth, therefore, dates from but a little over a century ago. The settlers under the Susquehanna Company were met with conflicting claims to their lands by the Proprietary Government of Pennsylvania; and this led to armed hostilities, known as the "Pennamite and Yankee War." The revolutionary war which soon followed added to the trials of the people here.

The author, the Hon. Hendrick B. Wright, M.C., has given in this book his remin-

iscences of the early settlers of Plymouth who survived to his day, and has gathered from their lips and from other sources many stirring adventures of the hardy race who here opened the forest to civilization.

The volume is illustrated with "Forty-five photographs of some of the early settlers and present residents of the town of Plymouth; old landmarks, family residences, and places of special note."

*Etude sur une Carte inconnue, la première dressée par Louis Joliet en 1764.* Par GABRIEL GRAVIER. . . . Paris: Maisonneuve et C<sup>o</sup>. 1880. [Sm. 4to. pp. 49.]

This Study of a hitherto unknown map drawn by Louis Joliet after his exploration of the Mississippi in 1673, with Marquette, has appeared in the *Révue de Géographie*, and also forms a part of the *Compte Rendu* of the Congress of Americanists, held at Brussels in the autumn of 1879. Though the rudimentary sketch of Marquette has been published four times, this work comes before the public for the first time, and under the supervision of M. Gravier, who is so well known in connection with the early history of America, and who has studied this map from the different view points. The map deserves the notice that it is not practicable to bestow upon it at present. All that we can do is to emphasize the fact that this map is the first that gave any traces of the great lakes and the course of the Mississippi. These traces are rudimentary, and the author was little acquainted with general geography, yet the result is very valuable in connection with French exploration at the West. Such studies alone can produce the required data for the history of North America.

[By the Rev. B. F. De Costa, of New York City.]

*The Oriental and Biblical Journal.* Issued Quarterly. [Devic.] Edited by the Rev. STEPHEN D. PERR, Clinton, Wisconsin. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Publishers, 164 Clark Street. 1880. [8vo. pp. 50 each number. Price \$2 a year.]

This periodical was commenced the present year, and two numbers have already been issued. The object, as stated in the prospectus, is "to give the results of the latest researches in all Oriental lands, such as Egypt, Assyria, India, and countries far east, including also Italy, Greece, Troy, and other regions known to classic history." Its design also embraces "many subjects of a more general character, such as the manners and customs of all nations, their traditions, mythologies and religious notions, as well as their language and literature, with everything that may serve to illustrate the history of the human race, or confirm the truth of the scripture record." We wish success to so worthy an enterprise.

*The Record. First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N. J.* [8vo. pub. Monthly, pp. 8 each number. Subscription price 75 cents. Address, Editor of the Record, P. O. Lock Box 44, Morristown, N. J.]

This monthly periodical was commenced in January last, and six numbers have already appeared. Genealogists will find printed here the records of the First Presbyterian Church in Morristown, namely, the half way members to 1772, the baptisms to 1756, the marriages to 1769, and the deaths to 1776. These records will be continued in the future numbers. Other articles illustrating the history of the church will be found here.

*Personal Narratives of the War of the Rebellion, being Papers read before the Rhode Island Soldiers' and Sailors' Historical Society.* No. 2, Second Series. [Flag.] Providence: N. Bangs Williams & Co. 1880. [Fcp. 4to. pp. 47.]

The first number of this series was noticed in the REGISTER for April (*ante*, p. 222). The title of this narrative is, "A Country Boy's First Three Months in the Army," and the author is C. Henry Barney, who enlisted in December, 1861, as a private in Co. A, Fifth Battalion of Rhode Island Volunteers, and served as a corporal with the Burnside Expedition in North Carolina. The narrative is full of interesting details of the adventures in which the author took part.

*A Few Poems.* By C. D. BRADLEE, Pastor of the Church at Harrison Square, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass. 1880. [12mo. pp. 30.]

This is a collection of occasional poems by the Rev. Mr. Bradlee, the eloquent and popular pastor of the Harrison Square Church. Most of them have been circulated separately among the author's friends. For one of them he has received the special thanks of the King and Queen of Italy, and for another those of the King of Spain.

*The Leatherwood God: an Account of the Appearance and Pretensions of Joseph C. Dylks in Eastern Ohio in 1828.* By R. H. TANEYHILL. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1880. [12mo. pp. 59. Price 50 cts. postage included.]

Mr. Taneyhill, the author of this book, some years ago published, under the pseudonym of K. King Bennett, a series of articles on the Leatherwood impostor, in the Barnesville (Ohio) *Enterprise*. They were collected in 1870, the various statements were verified, the narrative was enlarged, and they were published under the present title, with the author's name, by Messrs. Robert Clarke & Co. in their "Ohio Valley Historical Miscellanies." There has been so much inquiry for the work that the publishers have been induced to print it in separate form.

It would seem that no impostor, however absurd his pretensions may be, need despair of having followers: Dylks, who pretended to be the Almighty, had his. Mr. Taneyhill has done a good service in gathering and preserving the details of this singular delusion.

*Captain Walter Gendall of North Yarmouth, Maine. A Biographical Sketch.* By DOCTOR CHARLES E. BANKS. "Old Times" Office, Yarmouth, Maine. 1880. [8vo. pp. 27.]

Walter Gendall was one of the most prominent citizens of North Yarmouth in its early days. Dr. Banks has collected, mostly from unpublished sources, very full details of his history, and has contributed them to the "Old Times." The pamphlet before us is a reprint of his article in that magazine. We are glad to learn that one so competent for the task as Dr. Banks is devoting his antiquarian researches to the biography of the early worthies of Maine.

"*Audi Alteram Partem.*" *A Critical and Impartial Review of the Riu Kiu Question: Forming an Answer to the Articles published in the "Japan Mail" and the "Tokio Times."* Reprinted from the "Japan Gazette." [Folio, pp. 12.]

This pamphlet is a reprint of articles which appeared in the *Japan Gazette* in November and December, 1879. The author is D. B. McCartee, Esq., of Tokio, secretary of the Chinese Embassy to Japan, who here supports the Chinese side of the controversy. The appearance of the articles created much curiosity in Tokio as to the authorship, the writer showing great knowledge of the history of Japan for a foreigner. At first they were attributed to Mr. E. M. Satow, the interpreter of the British legation, who had resided in Japan sixteen or seventeen years, and was supposed to be the only one among the foreigners there who had sufficient knowledge of the history and language of Japan to write them. Previous to their appearance little had been written on the Chinese side of the question.

*The Descendants [by the Female Branches] of Joseph Loomis, who came from Braintree, England, in the Year 1638 and settled in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1639.* By ELIAS LOOMIS, LL.D., Professor of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy in Yale College. [Two Volumes.] New Haven: Tuttle, Moorehouse and Taylor, 371 State Street. 1880. [8vo. vol. i. pp. from 1 to 616; vol. ii. pp. from 617 to 1133.]

*Notices Genealogical and Historical of the Martin Family of New England, who settled at Weymouth and Hingham in 1635, and were among the First Planters of Rehoboth (in 1644) and Swansea (in 1667); with Some Account of their Descendants.* By HENRY J. MARTIN. Boston: Lee & Shepard, Publishers. New York: Charles T. Dillingham. [8vo. pp. 358.]

*Genealogy. Robert Keyes of Watertown, Mass., 1633; Solomon Keyes of Newbury and Chelmsford, Mass., 1653; and their Descendants: also Others of the Name.* By ASA KEYES. Brattleboro': Geo. E. Sellick, Printer. 1880. [8vo. pp. 319.]

*The Genealogy of the Burley or Burleigh Family of America.* By CHARLES BURLEIGH, of Portland, Maine. Portland: Press of B. Thurston & Company. 1880. [8vo. pp. 200.]

*The History of the Faxon Family, containing a Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Faxon, of Braintree, Mass., with . . . a Genealogy of Branches of many Allied Families.* By GEORGE L. FAXON. Springfield, Mass.: Press of Springfield Printing Company. 1880. [12mo. pp. 377. Price \$3, to be obtained of G. L. Faxon, Spencer, Mass.]

*Descendants of John Carruth. 1749-1880.* By WILLIAM W. CARRUTH. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers. 1880. [8vo. pp. 12.]

*Genealogy of the Family of Arnold in Europe and America. With Brief Notices.*  
By JOHN WARD DEAN, HENRY T. DROWNE and EDWIN HUBBARD. . . . Boston :  
Press of David Clapp & Son. 1879. [8vo. pp. 16, with portrait of H. T.  
Drowne.]

*A Genealogy of the Family of Mulford.* By WILLIAM REMSON MULFORD, Counsellor  
at Law; Member of the N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Society of New  
York city. . . . Boston: Printed by David Clapp & Son. [8vo. pp. 12.]

*The Paine Family Record.* Edited by H. D. PAINE, M.D., 26 West 30th Street,  
New York. No. VII. May, 1880. Munsell, Printer, Albany, N. Y. [8vo. pp.  
24. Published quarterly. Subscription price \$1. Single numbers 30 cents.]

We continue our quarterly notices of genealogies recently published.

Prof. Loomis, the author of the volumes whose title heads the above list, published in 1870 a genealogy of the Loomis family, of which a second edition, revised and enlarged, appeared in 1875 (see REGISTER, xxx. 272). In that work he very properly confined himself to giving the descendants bearing his own surname. He has now issued two companion volumes giving the female branches. The volume printed in 1875 contained 8,686 names. These volumes contain about 19,000 names, making upwards of 27,000 descendants of Joseph Loomis of Windsor, Ct., in the three volumes. The work is a model of care and research. The author has collected nearly two thousand more descendants by the name of Loomis, and intends, if his health is spared, to continue his genealogical inquiries, and publish the result in another volume. By the aid of Col. Joseph L. Chester, he has found that the father of Joseph Loomis was John Loomis, of Braintree, Essex, England, who died in 1619; and has procured a copy of his will, which is printed in the work before us. The book is handsomely printed and thoroughly indexed.

The Martin family, to which the second work is devoted, first settled in Rehoboth, where we find it in the middle of the seventeenth century. With the exception of a small volume by the Hon. Wheeler Martin, published at Providence in 1816, no genealogy of this family has been printed. The author of the present work has given a very satisfactory account of this race. Some account of the Martins of England is prefixed, and an appendix of valuable matters is added, among which may be named a full reprint of Judge Martin's genealogy, original copies of which are now very rare, and notices of applicants for pensions by the name of Martin, compiled from the Pension Rolls at Washington. The book is handsomely printed, and has a good index. Only a small edition has been printed for private circulation.

The Keyes genealogy is not devoted to any particular lines of the family, but contains all of the name which the researches of the author, Judge Keyes, of Brattleboro', Vt., brought to his notice. Most of the individuals here, however, are descended from Robert and Solomon named on the title page. The paper and print are good, and the work has a satisfactory index. Facing the title page is a portrait of the author, who died since his work was issued, at Brattleboro', June 4, 1880, aged 93. He was the oldest living graduate of Dartmouth College.

The Burleighs and Burleys in New England are mostly descended from Giles Burley who settled at Ipswich as early as 1648. In the next century John Burley came to this country from England, it is said with Gov. Belcher, and settled in Union, Connecticut. To the descendants of these two persons all but a few pages of the next book are devoted. It is carefully compiled, well printed, and embellished with portraits. It has a good index.

The Faxon genealogy is a thoroughly prepared and compactly printed work. It is very full and precise in its facts and dates, and the arrangement is very satisfactory. It has "a map locating the homesteads of the first four generations," and has copious abstracts of deeds and probate records. He writes us that his rule has been "to state nothing as a fact which is not supported by clear evidence." Among the allied families, of which genealogies are given, are those of Ballou, Barbour, Saxton, Washburn and Whitmarsh. The typographical appearance of the book is good, and it has excellent indexes.

The Carruth family, to which the next work is devoted, is of recent introduction into New England. Two half brothers, John and William, are said to have come from the north of Ireland in the middle of the last century. The Carruths in this pamphlet are descended from John, who settled in Marlboro'. The genealogy is well prepared.

The Arnold genealogy is a reprint of the two articles on this family in the REGISTER for October, 1879, to which is appended the article printed by us last April.

The Mulford pamphlet is reprinted from the REGISTER for April last.

The seventh number of the Paine Family Record contains a number of valuable articles.



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*Stemmata Shirleiana; or the Annals of the Shirley family, Lords of Nether Etinden in the county of Warwick, and of Shirley in the county of Derby.* [Arms.] Second Edition, Corrected and Enlarged. Printed and published by Nicholas and Sons, 25 Parliament Street, Westminster. 1873. [4to. pp. 435.]

*The History of the County of Monaghan.* By EVELYN PHILIP SHIRLEY, Esquire, M.A., F.S.A., M.R.I.A. London: Pickering and Co., 196 Piccadilly. 1879. [8vo. pp. 618.]

The family of Shirley, whose history is here so carefully traced, is one of the comparatively few which has maintained its position and possessions from the earliest dates. After the Norman conquest, Henry de Ferrers obtained Eatenden, and after him one Sasuualo held it. From this Sasuualo the Shirleys have continued in an unbroken line of male descendants, successively the owners of the estate, for eight centuries.

The fifth of the line was Sir Sewallis de Eathington, whose son was Sir James de Shirley, living A.D. 1278, who preferred to take his name from another manor, that of Shirley, co. Derby, which had been in the family an equally long time. His grandson, Sir Thomas Shirley, married Isabella, sister and heir of Ralph, last baron Bassett of Drayton. This was apparently the first great match of the Shirleys, as Ralph Bassett had married Joan, sister to John, Duke of Brittany.

The son and heir of Sir Thomas was Ralph, who had two wives and died A.D. 1466. From his second marriage came the Shirleys of Sussex, afterwards to be mentioned. His grandson, Sir Ralph, had four wives and only one son, Francis.\* This Francis died in 1571; his great-grandson, Sir Henry Shirley, bart., who died in 1633, made the second great match of the family, his wife being Dorothy, daugh-

\* See page 61 and also p. 39. In the tabular pedigree on p. 39, Francis is strangely omitted, which makes it puzzling at first to trace the line of descent.

ter of Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex and of Ewe, the near relative and unfortunate favorite of Queen Elizabeth. Lady Shirley's brother, who was restored in blood and honors in 1603, had an only son who died an infant; and hence at the death of the Earl in 1646, his estates were divided between his two sisters Frances, wife of the Duke of Somerset, and Dorothy Shirley. The Shirleys obtained, with various other property, one half of the barony of Farney in the county of Monaghan, Ireland, still owned by them.

Sir Robert Shirley, his son, the second baronet, was a Royalist, and, despite all fines and sequestrations, was so wealthy that in 1653 he built a church at his estate of Staunton Harold, for which display of zeal Cromwell ordered him to build a ship for the state.

His son Sir Robert Shirley, bart., was made Baron Ferrers of Chartley in 1677, Earl Ferrers and Viscount Tamworth in 1711, and died in 1717. He married twice, and here the family is again divided. From his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Lawrence Washington of Garesdon, co. Wilts, the peers of the line are descended; from his second wife, Solina Finch, the present possessors of Eatonton.

The first Earl had sons Washington and Henry, successively 2d and 3rd earls; then the title went to the sons of their brother Lawrence, namely, Lawrence, Washington and Robert, the 4th, 5th and 6th earls. Robert had sons Robert, 7th earl, and Washington, eighth earl. The only grandson of this last was Washington, 9th earl, whose son Sewallis Edward, born in 1847, is the present, 10th earl. He has no brothers.

The next branch is descended from Walter, brother of the 4th, 5th and 6th earls, whose only grandson was Walter Augustus Shirley, Bishop of Sodor and Man, who died in 1847, leaving one son and two grandsons.

We now return to the Eatonton branch, descended from the second marriage of the first Earl. His son, Hon. George Shirley,\* inherited this estate, and had a son Evelyn who died in 1810. The son of the latter was Evelyn John, father of Evelyn Philip Shirley the present owner and the author of these books. The latter married Mary, daughter of Sir Edmund Hungerford Lechmere, bart., and has a son Sewallis Evelyn, born in 1844, M. P. for Monaghan.

Evelyn Philip Shirley has not only maintained the honor of the family as a member of Parliament, but he has distinguished himself as an antiquary. Besides these volumes and one on Deer Parks, he has published a work on the Noble and Gentle Men of England, which reached its third edition in 1866. In this most valuable work he pointed out that only about three hundred and thirty families remain in England in the male line, which were of knightly or gentle rank before the commencement of the seventeenth century and still hold that position.

To return to our main subject. It seems that Sir Thomas Shirley, son of the first baronet, had at least five sons living in 1650. He was a "Popish Recusant," and seems to have suffered for his loyalty. Although he was the antiquary of the family, little is known of his descendants.

The recognized cadet branch of the Shirleys was, as we have noted, settled at Wiston in Sussex. To this line belong the three brothers, Sir Anthony, Sir Robert and Sir Thomas Shirley, who distinguished themselves in the seventeenth century by their travels in the East. The last of the line at Wiston was this Sir Thomas who sold his estate. His grandson, Dr. Thomas S., vainly tried to recover it, and died of grief in 1678, leaving sons Thomas and Richard, untraced. A younger son of the first Ralph Shirley of Wiston, was Thomas S. of West-Grinstead, co. Sussex, whose eldest line expired in 1607. Evidently from the West-Grinstead line were descended the Shirleys of Preston, co. Sussex, beginning with Anthony who died in 1624. His grandson Thomas had sons Sir Anthony, bart., and William; the line of baronets ceased in 1705: William was grandfather of William Shirley of Otte Hall, co. Sussex, Governor of Massachusetts. Gov. Shirley's son Thomas was made a baronet, and had two sons who died unmarried.

To the foregoing synopsis of this book there remains only to add that it is abundantly fortified by quotations from deeds and records, and illustrated by pedigrees and arms.

We have left but little space to notice the other book by Mr. Shirley. The county of Monaghan is in the province of Ulster, with the county of Fermanagh north-west, and that of Louth south-east. These three stretch across the island from

\* We may note that his sister, Lady Mary Shirley, m. Charles Tryon, of Bulwick, and their son was Lt. Gen. William Tryon, Governor of New York.

Lough Erne to Dundalk Bay. Monaghan is 37 miles in its greatest length, and 28 miles in its greatest breadth; it contains 319,757 acres, nine-tenths arable land. It was at an early date the possession of the Mac Mahons, or the O'Neils their lords. In 1576 Walter, Earl of Essex, received from Queen Elizabeth a grant of the barony of Farney in this county, the Mac Mahons being confirmed in the rest. In 1590 the chief Mac Mahon was executed for treason, but his lands were divided among the principal gentry of the name. Excepting the estates held by the heirs of Essex and Lord Blayrey, the land remained in Irish hands until the rebellion of 1641. The Cromwellian settlement followed, and from that time onward the changes have been innumerable.

As has already been shown, Mr. Shirley is a large owner of land in the barony of Farney, as one of the heirs of Essex. He has not only the name of being a good landlord, but he has been a resident, has built a large house there, has represented the county in Parliament, and now has prepared a thorough and impartial account of its local history.

It is impossible for us to criticize such a work; we can only bear witness to the extent of its plan and the evidence of careful investigations towards its execution. It abounds in citations from documents, whilst its genealogies must render it in the highest degree useful to all persons connected with the county in the present or the past.

Of the typography of these two volumes, we can only say that they are on a scale beyond the means of our publishers. An English county history is a book which usually costs many a guinea, and is therefore out of comparison with our useful but cheaper histories. These books are on the English plan and scale, and we can only, somewhat enviously, admire.

[By William H. Whitmore, A.M., of Boston.]

*Newspapers and Newspaper Writers in New England, 1787-1815.* Read before the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, Feb. 4, 1880. By DELANO A. GODDARD. Boston: A. Williams & Co., 283 Washington Street. 1880. [Post 8vo. pp. 39.]

*Joseph Dennie: Editor of "The Port Folio," and author of "The Lay Preacher."* Not Published. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1880. [Post 8vo. pp. 41. With heliotype portrait.]

These two memoirs naturally group themselves into the same class, as they both relate to the same period of our journalistic history—that which Mr. Frederic Hudson calls the Revolutionary Period, but which we prefer to call the Heroic Period, as the genius and spirit of the times were so truly heroic, and the press and its writers so deeply imbued with loyalty, patriotism and the love of liberty and freedom. The period embraces the influence of such papers as the *Columbian Centinel*, *Massachusetts Spy*, *Boston Gazette*, *Independent Chronicle*, *Salem Gazette*, and one or two other local journals—papers of conspicuous and decided influence during the formative period of American politics and the American spirit; and the writings of so distinguished scholars and journalists as Benjamin Russell, Isaiah Thomas, Benjamin Edes, William Bently, Thomas C. Cushing and Joseph Dennie. This golden period of American journalism has before this had several faithful historians, Mr. Hudson devoting to it 39 pages in his *Journalism in the United States*—a work of some defects, but a better monument of our newspaper history than we are likely soon to see again, so vast is the subject and so abundant the materials—and Mr. James T. Buckingham, in his four chatty and gossiping, but invaluable volumes, of personal recollections, has preserved for us much of the very essence and spirit of the Revolutionary press. In Mr. Goddard's paper he presents an admirable study of the period chosen for his subject. The grace and charm of his style render his memoir attractive and interesting. In his sketch of Joseph Dennie, Mr. William W. Clapp treats with microscopic minuteness the life and career of this gifted Boston journalist, so famous in his day as "the Lay Preacher," and familiarly known as the "American Addison," of whom Mr. Goddard well says, "He was an elegant scholar, a graceful and pleasing writer, charming in conversation, a most winning and delightful companion." Mr. Clapp's beautifully printed pages portray the events of his brief career—he died at the early age of 44 years—and the heliotype reproduction of a family portrait brings to us the sharp outline of the pleasing features of a journalist, once so famous in Boston and Philadelphia that his name is held in esteem to our own day. The writers of these memoirs are hard working

editors themselves, Mr. Goddard being the chief of the *Boston Advertiser*, and Mr. Clapp editor of the *Boston Journal*, and it is pleasant to note their interest and success in other fields of labor than those which pertain more particularly to their daily routine of dry work.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq., Augusta, Me.]

*Gleanings from English Records about New England Families.* Communicated by JAMES A. EMMERTON and HENRY F. WATERS. From Hist. Coll. Essex Inst. . . . Salem : Salem Press. 1880. [8vo. pp. 148.]

Those who have never tried it can have but a vague idea of the vexatious restrictions, the annoyances and the many obstacles, which hamper and impede at every step one who attempts to investigate family history in the mother country. To say nothing of the exactions of a host of parish clerks who have the custody of many of the records of baptisms, marriages, and burials, the public offices are not so arranged as to facilitate examination of their contents. The wills in Doctors' Commons were a few years ago removed to Somerset House, but nothing has yet been done to make them more accessible than before. There should be new indices to them, classified according to Christian and surnames, made from the records themselves, and not simply a revision of the present cumbersome and antiquated "alphabets." It is speaking within bounds to say that with the improved system of arrangement of files, dockets and indices, now in use in the Suffolk Registry of Probate in this city, investigations in Somerset House could be made in one tenth of the time now worse than wasted there. A sum of money equal to that spent every year in the preparation of indices in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Boston, would be sufficient to index anew, in the manner above suggested, all the records of the Consistory and Commissary Courts of London, and the Prerogative Court of Canterbury included in the Department for Literary Inquiry, Somerset House, covering the period from A.D. 1362 to A.D. 1700. While a sum not exceeding two of these annual appropriations would ensure the compilation of an index of every name found in these wills, executors, devisees, legatees, witnesses and all other persons, classified according to Christian and surnames. This would bring to light a vast amount of information, the existence of which is not even suspected, now completely buried in huge brass-clasped volumes, and would do away with the toil and drudgery of "searches."

The book, the title of which is given above, consists of notes, made chiefly in the Principal Registry of Probate, Somerset House, Strand, the Public Record Office, Fetter Lane and the British Museum, during the summer and autumn of 1879. They were first published in the Hist. Coll. of the Essex Institute for January, 1880, and have now been printed in separate form. They comprise brief abstracts of wills, inquisitions post mortem, and fine rolls, concerning a large number of English families connected with, or probably related to, those of like name in New England. With rare thoughtfulness, there is added, in nearly every case, if a will, a reference to the book and leaf of the record, and if an inquisition or fine roll, the year and part and number, thereby enabling any future investigator to turn at once, without loss of time, to the records cited, and continue the examination himself with the clew thus put in his hands. This has been done to promote further research, and in the hope that it will lead to additional discoveries.

When we consider how short a time the authors had at their disposal, broken up as it must have been by sight-seeing and visits to interesting and remarkable places, the difficulties and inconveniences above referred to being borne in mind, the amount of work done by them must be admitted to be very great, and could only have been the result of the diligent use of every available moment. The reader has no means of distinguishing the share that each author has had in the preparation of these notes. But it is no disparagement of the labors of Dr. Emmerton to say, and he would be the first to cheerfully admit it, that Mr. Waters stands in the front rank of New England antiquaries. Few men have done such good and faithful service in the past, and few give greater promise of accomplishing more in the future. He has long been a worker in the vineyard. Few men have crossed the ocean better prepared by previous training and experience, by precise and accurate knowledge of our early history and antiquities, and by familiarity with the records and traditions of New England families and the endless ramifications of their genealogies, to appreciate and improve the opportunity, so kindly and generously offered him, of exploring the inexhaustible stores of antiquarian and historical material in England.

The brief space into which this notice must necessarily be compressed, allows

but little to be said in detail concerning the contents of this book, but that little must be of unqualified praise.

The authors admit that the attempt to connect Humphrey Gilbert of Ipswich in New England with the distinguished family of Gilbert of Compton and Greenway, co. Devon, is not quite successful, but the abstracts of wills, inquisitions and fine rolls illustrating the pedigree of the latter family (to which belonged Sir Humphrey Gilbert and Raleigh Gilbert, Esq., whose efforts at colonizing North America are well known), are particularly interesting. The will of Otys Gylbert, which bears date 1 Dec. 1493, contains this quaint provision: "Item I will that at the day of my burying men have mete and drink fyesh or flessch as the day requireth. Item I will that in all possibill hast after my deth some p'son be ordeyned to Ryde to Oxford there to p'vide that I may have masses sayd for my sowle and that every preet have for a dirige and a masse III<sup>d</sup> and the Rider thedyr for his labor XIII<sup>s</sup> III<sup>d</sup> and VI<sup>s</sup> III<sup>d</sup> for his reward and for another of Oxford to devyde yt money among the prests in Oxford the which is redy," &c. &c.

Persistent search under the names of Evance and Jeffery has been rewarded by finding a great deal of information about the ancestry of John Evans, of New Haven, and of William Jeffrey, one of the earliest settlers on the shores of Massachusetts Bay, from whom Jeffrey's Creek, now Manchester, probably derived its name.

These researches have brought to light the will of John Holloick of Alcester, co. Warwick, mercer, proved 31 Jan. 1587. He was the father of Edward Holyoke, the immigrant ancestor of the Holyoke family of New England. The notes on the family and the copies of the letters of Edward Holyoke to his betrothed which accompany the abstract of this will, are of great interest.

Much labor has been required to prepare an account of a family of Norton, apparently not before noticed by any English writer, in the hope at some future time to connect with it the Francis Norton who settled in Connecticut, or Capt. Francis Norton, of Charlestown. An immense amount of matter bearing on the name of Norton, but needing further additions to make it available and to enable it to be properly classified and arranged according to families, has been collected. The Halesworth, Shropshire and Sharpenshow families of Norton, have, however, a place in these abstracts.

The account of the Waters family is exceedingly interesting, and the materials gathered concerning the families of Sheafe, Northend, Bridges, Woodcock, Washbourne, Collins and Daniel, illustrated as they are by explanatory notes of great value and importance, and by several tabular pedigrees, will deservedly attract attention.

Under the head of Champernon we have abstracts of wills and an elaborate pedigree, showing the distinguished ancestry of Capt. Francis Champernowne, of Kittery, Portsmouth and York. The remarks on the name of Firmyn are supplemented by additional notes on Firmin of Suffolk, furnished by the late Mr. Horatio G. Somerby to Mr. John Ward Dean, and to those on the name of Patch there are added extracts made by Mr. Somerby in the registries of wills at Wells and Bristol, communicated by Mr. Ira J. Patch. Under Hathorne, light is thrown on the family of Major William Hathorne, the ancestor of Nathaniel Hawthorne, and there is a tabular pedigree of the Salem family of Hathorne, showing the paternal, as that of Manning the maternal ancestry of the famous author. The will of Richard Bigge, of Cranebrook, co. Kent, clothier, probated 5 Aug. 1533, may enable us to trace the ancestry of John Bigg (REGISTER, xxix. 253). Other names to be particularly noticed are Aspinwall, Stileman, Whipple, Sparhawk, Long, Manning, Balch, Mason, Hacker, Newell and Newhall, Willard, Banks, Eppes, Fogg, Calef and Stanton. The notes which are appended to these abstracts are valuable and exceedingly interesting contributions.

How wide a range these researches have taken, appears from the fact that in addition to those above enumerated, the following families also are represented in these abstracts: Alley, Baldwin, Bartole, Bartram, Bickford, Birchmore, Bolde, Bradstreete, Bordman, Bray, Brisco, Cash, Chever, Choate, Coffin, Converse, Cotton, Curwen, Davison, Derby, Downing, Draper, Edes, Fielder, Fiske, Flint, Foster, Gardner, Greenleaf, Guppie, Hancock, Haskett, Hassam, Heath, Higginson, Hollock, Ingersoll, Ives, Kemble, Kitchen, Kitteridge, Lillie, Linton, Lord, Mansfield, Merry, Norman, Normanton, Osgood, Peache, Phippen, Pickering, Pilgrim, Poore, Potter, Prince, Putnam, Ruck, Sage, Sargent, South, Tidd, Traske, Tredwell, Way, West, Wheatland, Wilkinson and Willows.

Brief memoranda concerning the following Jersey families from a MS. in the

British Museum are added, as they contain genealogical data relating to many Salem names. Bertram, Messervy, Le Maître, Renouf, Mourant, Richardson, Deslande, Cabot, Gibaut, Blampied, Laurence, Valpy, Janvrin, Langlois, De la Penelle, Pinel, Neel, Touzel, Gruchy, Baudain, Le Cras, Le Gros, Tourgis, Le Gros Bisson, Le Gallais, Durel, Nicolle, Webber, Poingdester, De Rue, Le Hardy, Vicq, Simon, Le Gresley and Chevallier.

The success of these investigations shows what may be done by a systematic and thorough search among the English Records, made by a competent and experienced antiquary. Is it too much to hope that as the New England Historic, Genealogical Society grows in age and prosperity, it may at some future time be endowed with funds sufficient to enable it to maintain an accredited agent in the mother country constantly engaged in such researches as these? Such an agent, released from the necessity of depending upon the support of private patrons and allowed to consult the general interests and needs of New England history and genealogy, would place us in a position never before reached, and his work would be rich in results not otherwise likely to be obtained.

[By John T. Hassam, A.M., of Boston.]

*Giornale Araldico-Genealogico-Diplomatico.* Pubblicato per cura della R. Accademia Araldica Italiana. Diretto dal Cav. G. B. Crollalanza. Nuova Serie. Anno V. N. 12. . . . Pisa, 1880, Presso la Direzione del Giornale, Via Febonacci N. 6. [Royal 8vo. Published monthly, 32 pages each number.]

The "Journal" is devoted mainly to articles on "Heraldry," that are written by some of the most distinguished scholars, and display great ability and extensive research. It also contains accurate accounts of all the proceedings of the "Royal Academy of Heraldry," thus preserving for future ages a vast amount of valuable facts, for which the coming "Historian" and "Antiquary" cannot fail to be deeply grateful.

This publication is cordially received in Russia, France, Germany and America, being issued both in the French and Italian languages, in a type clear and beautiful, and with illustrations striking and ornate.

[By the Rev. C. D. Bradlee, A.M., of Boston.]

*A Record of Remarkable Events in Marlborough and Vicinity.* By CYRUS FELTON. . . . Number One. Marlborough, Mass.: Stillman B. Pratt, Publisher. Mirror-Journal Office, Franklin Block. 1879. [8vo. pp. 23. Price 25 cts.]

*A Record of Remarkable Events in Marlborough and Neighboring Towns.* No. 2. By CYRUS FELTON. . . . Marlborough, Mass.: The Times Publishing Company, Printers, Corey's Block. 1880. [8vo. pp. 43.]

The first of these pamphlets contains more than four hundred and fifty, and the second upwards of six hundred events which have transpired in Marlborough, Mass., and its vicinity. Together they form an "Every-Day Book" for that town, the events being arranged under the several months and days of the year. The first "Record" was published in June, 1879, and the second in August, 1880. Mr. Felton's compilation is a useful one, and we hope that his example may be followed in other towns.

*In Memoriam. Services at the Funeral of Julia Rebecca Bradlee . . . on Sunday, August 14, 1880.* Printed for Private Distribution. [8vo. pp. 16.]

This pamphlet, printed for the use of relatives and friends, contains the services at the funeral of the wife of Nathaniel J. Bradlee, Esq., of Boston, who died Aug. 11, 1880, aged 44 years, 2 months and 17 days. Remarks were made by the Revs. Edward Everett Hale and C. D. Bradlee. A beautiful original poem, "God knows best," by the last named clergyman, a brother-in-law of the deceased, was read on the occasion.

*Organization and Services of Battery E, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, to January 1st, 1863.* By PHILIP S. CHASE (Late Second Lieutenant in said Battery). Providence: N. Bangs Williams & Co. 1880. [Fcp. 4to. pp. 48. Paper, Price 50 cts.]

This is the third number of the second series of "Personal Narratives of Events in the War of the Rebellion," which series has before been noticed in the REGISTER (xxxiv. 222, 341). Lieut. Chase's narrative was read before the Soldiers' and Sail-

ors' Historical Society of Rhode Island, March 20, 1878. The battery was recruited and organized in October, 1861. This series is making valuable additions to the materials for the history of the late civil war.

*A Few Poems.* By C. D. BRADLEE, Pastor of the Church at Harrison Square, Boston, Mass. Second Series. [Boston.] 1880. [12mo. pp. 54.]

The first series of the poems of this able writer was noticed in our July number. The present series, like the former, consists chiefly of occasional poems, many being addressed to the author's personal friends.

*Hon. Asahel Huntington. Memorial Address delivered before the Essex Institute, Tuesday evening, September 5, 1871.* By OTIS P. LORD. .... Salem, Mass.: Printed at the office of the Salem Press. 1872. [8vo. pp. 34. Price 25 cts.]

*By-Laws of the Essex Institute.* (Adopted March, 1876.) Printed for the Essex Institute. [8vo. pp. 8.]

*Priced Catalogue of the Publications of the Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., U. S. A., 1879.* Salem, Mass.: Printed for Essex Institute. 1879. [8vo. pp. 5.]

*In Memory of Henry Coit Perkins, of Newburyport, Mass.* 1873. [8vo. pp. 34.]

*Letters written at the time of the Occupation of Boston by the British, 1775-8.* Communicated by WM. P. UPHAM. .... Salem, Mass.: Salem Press, corner Liberty and Derby Sts. 1876. [8vo. pp. 68. Price 50 cts.]

*Historical Sketch of the Salem Female Employment Society.* By LUCY P. JOHNSON. .... Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1880. [8vo. pp. 6.]

*Notice of a Portrait of Washington.* By CHARLES HENRY HART. .... [8vo. pp. 5.]

*Biographical Notice of Mr. James Upton.* By Rev. R. C. MILLS. .... [8vo. pp. 10.]

*Memorial of John Clarke Lee.* By Rev. E. B. WILLSON. .... Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1878. [8vo. pp. 30. Price 25 cts.]

The Essex Institute, located at Salem, Massachusetts, was incorporated in 1848, being formed by the union of two societies, namely, the Essex Historical Society, incorporated in 1821, and the Essex County Natural History Society, incorporated in 1836. The "Proceedings of the Essex Institute" for twenty-one years, from 1848 to 1868 inclusive, were issued in quarterly numbers, and make six octavo volumes. Since then they have been published, also in quarterly numbers, under the title of the "Bulletin of the Essex Institute," of which eleven octavo volumes (1869 to 1879 inclusive) have been completed, and the twelfth volume commenced.

In January, 1859, the society began the publication of the "Historical Collections of the Essex Institute," a periodical of which the contents are somewhat similar to those of the REGISTER, though confined to the history and genealogy of Essex county, Massachusetts. It first appeared in small quarto form, which size was retained from 1859 to 1868, since which date the size has been octavo. Sixteen volumes have been completed, and the seventeenth is now in the course of publication.

The contribution to our historical and biographical literature made by the Institute in these periodicals, shows that it is a live institution, and that the members are doing their part in preserving our early records and illustrating the history of our state.

The titles given at the head of this article are a few of the separate publications of the Institute. Most of them are reprints from their periodicals.

*The Young Folks' Cyclopædia of Common Things.* By JOHN D. CHAMPLIN, Jr., Late Associate Editor of the American Cyclopædia. New York: Henry Holt & Co. 1880. [12mo. pp. 690.]

The first cyclopædia for young people which we know of, and probably the only one published previous to that whose title we give above, was the "Minor Encyclopædia," by the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D., issued in 1803 in four duodecimo volumes. It was a useful work, but never passed to a second edition.

The three quarters of a century which have passed since that work appeared, have been crowded with inventions and discoveries; and the things which in our day a child is expected to know have been greatly multiplied. In the present work Mr. Champlin furnishes "in simple language, aided by pictorial illustrations where thought necessary, a knowledge of things in Nature, Science and Arts which are apt to awaken a child's curiosity. Such features of Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics, Natural History and Physiology as can be made intelligible are explained,



special attention being given to the natural objects which most immediately affect human happiness—such as the phenomena of air, light, heat, and electricity, and those parts of the human system whose health is influenced by our habits. Much attention has been given, too, to the description and explanation of the manufacture of articles in common use, and of the various processes connected with the Arts; while all the animals interesting from their domestic relation or as objects of curiosity are treated as fully as the limits of the work will permit.”

The author has shown good judgment in the selection of topics: and he has succeeded wonderfully in explaining his subjects, frequently quite complicated, so as to bring them within the comprehension of the young. The book was much needed, and must have a large sale.

*Records of First Church at Salisbury, Mass., 1687-1754.* Communicated by WILLIAM P. UPHAM. . . . Salem: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1879. [8vo. pp. 47.]

*Record of Intentions of Marriage of the City of Lynn.* Copied by JOHN T. MOULTON. . . . Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. [8vo. pp. 29.]

*Notes and Extracts from the "Records of the First Church in Salem, 1629 to 1736."* Communicated by JAMES A. EMMERTON, M.D. . . . Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1879. [8vo. pp. 28.]

*Copy of the Record of Deaths of the First Church in Rowley, Mass.* Communicated by GEO. B. BLODGETT, A.M. [Salem: 1878. 8vo. pp. 42.]

We are rejoiced when we see anything done to preserve in print the records of births, marriages and deaths in our New England towns. While they remain in manuscript the risk of loss by fire and other accidents is very great. Frequently there is but a single copy of these records, and that sometimes in a dilapidated condition.

Every town should have its early records printed; but as the towns are negligent of their duty, individuals are doing this in part. The four pamphlets whose titles are given above preserve, beyond the possibility of loss, much material for the genealogy and history of our people. They are all reprinted from the Historical Collections of the Essex Institute. The gentlemen who have copied these records for the press deserve much praise for the disinterested labor they have bestowed upon them.

*The Literary World. Choice Readings from the Best New Books, and Critical Reviews.* Fortnightly. [Boston, Mass., Rev. Edward Abbott, editor; E. H. Hames & Co., publishers. Quarto, 16 pp. Price \$2 per year.]

This journal is becoming so well known for the excellent quality of its average make-up, that it deserves to become yet wider known, that its quality and amount of work may be even greater than now; and it is with the hope of introducing it to new acquaintances to this end, that we give it this general review. Established ten years ago by the late Mr. Samuel R. Crocker, as a monthly literary journal, it passed in April, 1877, under the management of the publishers above named, the Rev. Edward Abbott, a widely known writer, assuming its editorial control. In his hands it has continued to increase in public appreciation and literary value; and with the beginning of 1879 its publication was changed to a fortnightly issue, the same general form and appearance being retained. It may be briefly described as a purely literary review. Each number opens with quite lengthy notices of the freshest and most important books, frequently from the hand of a specialist; followed by minor notices of works of fiction, or those of less importance. Editorials on a great range of current topics of literary interest next follow; succeeded by departments of Literary Personals; sketches of noted authors of the time; News and Notes; Contents of the Periodicals, and others of similar interest. Of chiefest value among these departments, perhaps, are those of "Notes and Queries," upon a great variety of topics of interest to writers and readers, usually extending to two or three columns; and "Shakespeariana"—the latter edited by Mr. W. J. Rolfe, the eminent Shakesperian scholar, and frequently occupying a whole page. Often articles of much historical value are given, as notably, those by Mr. Justin Winsor, on the public and private libraries of the early days of American letters, of which several have appeared in late issues. The journal seems admirably well balanced in all its departments, and it is always a pleasure to open its bright, modest pages, so abundant of good scholarship, careful editing, a choice variety of contents, and with no sign of pedantry, no "slashing" criticisms, and no unkindly tone. It deserves hundreds of readers, where we fear it has only tens.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*History of the Town of Henniker, Merrimack County, New Hampshire. From the date of the Canada Grant by the Province of Massachusetts in 1735, to 1880; with a Genealogical Register of the Families of Henniker.* By LEANDER W. COGSWELL. Concord: Printed by the Republican Press Association. 1880. [8vo. pp. 808. With Illustrations.]

To the student of family history this volume will be most welcome, and he will naturally turn to this portion first, though it occupies the last part of the goodly sized and handsome volume. Of the 808 pages which the book contains, 372 are devoted to a Genealogical Register of Henniker Families, arranged alphabetically, and containing twenty portraits and several autographs, the work in the portraits being good, and the portraits, we should judge, very satisfactory likenesses. One can but notice the large number of residents of this town who have become locally distinguished in the different professions and occupations, while not a few have achieved a good reputation not confined alone to the county or state. Among the prominent families are those of Baker, Carter, Cogswell; Gibson (of which family is the distinguished musician Mr. C. C. Gibson); Goodenow (of which family were five eminent lawyers, two of whom were members of congress, viz., Rufus King, a member of the 31st, and Robert G., a member of the 32d congress, both from the state of Maine); Gould; Howe (of which family was the late Judge Luther J. Howe of Hoosick Falls, N. Y.); Patterson (of which family is Mrs. Mary Patterson Culver, a well known author, and Hon. James Willis Patterson, a resident of Hanover, and a senator in the U. S. Senate in 1867-73); Pillsbury (of which family is Rev. Parker Pillsbury, a distinguished divine and anti-slavery orator; Proctor (of which family is Edna Dean Proctor, the well known writer and poet); Sawyer; Thompson and Whitney. This portion of Mr. Cogswell's volume is most satisfactorily performed, but we think the author's claim that it is "the most perfect [family] register yet published in the history of any town in this state," can hardly be sustained; as in one instance, at least, his labors in this direction have been surpassed, and this by Mr. Ezra S. Stearns, who published his history of the town of Rindge in 1875, in which 369 pages are given to a Genealogical Register of Families, the matter in which far exceeds the family register given by Mr. Cogswell. Much may be said in commendation of the General History portion of Mr. Cogswell's volume. Henniker contains 27,000 acres, and the first township grant was obtained from Massachusetts in 1735. The history of the several grants to the proprietors of the town; the account of the first settlement, and the events in its subsequent history, are all faithfully given. Thirty-six pages are devoted to its ecclesiastical history; eighteen to educational affairs; seventy-five to the military history, including its Roll of Honor, and all the minor events in the history of the town are faithfully recorded. As a contribution to New England local history, and especially to the history of New Hampshire families, the book is of very great value. A good general index is wanting, and a map of the town would have added to its usefulness. [By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*A List of the Birds of Massachusetts, with Annotations.* By J. A. ALLEN. .... [8vo. pp. 37. Price 25 cents.]

*A List of the Fishes of Essex County, including those of Massachusetts Bay, according to the latest results of the work of the U. S. Fish Commission.* By G. BROWN GOODE and TARLETON H. BEAN. .... Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1879. [8vo. pp. 38. Price 30 cts.]

*Contributions to the Mythology of Tachyglossa Hystrix, Echidna Hystrix (Auct.).* By J. W. FEWKES, Ph.D. .... [8vo. pp. 28. Price 35 cts.]

*Notes on the native and extensively introduced Woody Plants of Essex County, Massachusetts.* By JOHN ROBINSON (in charge department of botany, Penobscot Academy of Science). .... Salem: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1879. [8vo. pp. 38. Price 35 cts.]

*The Solar Eclipse of 1878, a lecture before the Essex Institute.* By WINSLOW UPTON, Assistant at Harvard College Observatory. .... [8vo. pp. 19. Price 15 cts.]

*The Enharmonic Key-Board of Prof. Henry Ward Poole.* By THEODORE M. OSBORNE. .... [8vo. pp. 14.]

The Essex Institute, besides its contributions to historical literature, has published in its Proceedings many scientific papers of great value. Above are the titles of several of these papers which have been reprinted in pamphlet form.

*The Congregationalism of the last Three Hundred Years, as seen in its Literature : With special reference to certain recondite, neglected, or disputed passages In Twelve Lectures, delivered on the Southworth Foundation in the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass., 1876-1879. With a Bibliographical Appendix.* By HENRY MARTYN DEXTER. In these old tomes live the old times. New York : Harper & Brothers, Publishers, Franklin Square. 1880. [Royal 8vo. pp. xxxviii. +716+326. Price \$6.]

In this large and wealthy volume Dr. Dexter has accomplished a remarkable work. From beginning to end the signs of careful toil are every where manifest. Many able writers, both in this country and in England, have traced the origin and growth of that great revolt against the established Church of England, which has done so much to make this country and the England of to-day what they are. The books which have been thus written, will, many of them, still abide in honor; for a subject so large and comprehensive cannot be wholly comprehended by a single mind. It is needful that many lights, from different points, should shine upon it to reveal it fully to the view.

All great reforms, in their beginnings and early movements, are, of necessity, somewhat rude and ungraceful. A few men, often from obscure and humble life, stepping out to confront the combined wealth, culture and power of a great nation, occupy a most trying position. Under such conditions wrought the first apostles of Christianity in planting the seeds of the gospel around the ancient and costly temples of Roman idolatry. Under such conditions Luther and his companions made headway against that proud and dominant hierarchy that held the kings and nations of Europe in its iron grasp. And such was the situation in which, three hundred years ago, a few men rose up in England to break the yoke of civil and ecclesiastical oppression, and make an open way for liberty and truth. Men, setting out upon such an enterprise, must be possessed of most remarkable wisdom and patience, if they never say the wrong word or do the wrong act. But whatever they do, whether it be good or bad, their enemies will be the first to write their history, and their position will be made to appear ridiculous and dishonorable.

For tracing out this remarkable chapter in human affairs, Dr. Dexter first prepared himself by searching out more fully than any one has before done, the ancient records. This is the great merit of his book. His first chapter is entitled "The Darkness and the Dawn," in which he shows, by a great variety of citations, the real condition of the English Church and the English people, just before this revolt. His second chapter is "Robert Browne and his Co-workers." This man, whose followers were called Brownists, has heretofore had a disreputable record, even among those who honor his early writings, and admire his first works. Dr. Dexter has done much to clear his memory and present him under better aspects. His third chapter is entitled "The Martin Mar-prelate Controversy." This chapter will be read with great interest. The authorship of the Martin Mar-prelate tracts has been, hitherto, as much of a mystery as the authorship of the letters of Junius. Dr. Dexter brings evidence to show that they were written by Henry Barrowe, who was, at the time, prisoner in the Fleet. This theory is opposed by many prominent writers, but seems to be well fortified. We cannot dwell longer upon details. The subsequent chapters are, "The Martyrs of Congregationalism," "The Exodus to Amsterdam," "Fortunes and Misfortunes in Amsterdam," "John Robinson and Leyden Congregationalism," "Early New England Congregationalism," "Later New England Congregationalism." In this chapter, John Wise, of Ipswich (now Essex), stands out as a bold, clear-headed and effectual reformer. Then follow the chapters entitled, "Ecclesiastical Councils," "Congregationalism in England," and "Things more clearly seen."

These chapters sweep over the three hundred years, since about 1580, and trace the history of that great movement of dissent from the Established Church of England, in a way more full, ample and satisfactory than can perhaps be found in any other existing volume. Of course the book will invite criticism from various quarters, but no one can doubt that a grand and valuable work has been done.

One of the most important features of the book has not yet been mentioned, and that is comprised under the head of "Collections toward a Bibliography of Congregationalism." This index, which alone covers 280 large and closely printed pages, contains the titles of 7250 books and tracts, which, in various ways, stand related to this long course of history. The very sight of this index, with its carefully prepared hints and directions, suggests an amount of labor and care immensely great.

[By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of West Newton, Mass.]

*Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society.* Vol. III. Part 3. [Seal.] St. Paul: Published by the Society. 1880. [8vo. pp. 151+viii. With portrait of Rev. John Mattocks and title page and index to Vol. III.]

*The Hennepin Bi-Centenary. Account of the Celebration by the Minnesota Historical Society, of the two hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Falls of St. Anthony, by Louis Hennepin.* (From the St. Paul Daily Globe, July 4, 1880.) St. Paul: Globe Print. 1880. [8vo. pp. 6.]

Ten years ago the Minnesota Historical Society began the publication of its Collections, and during that time the society has published three large volumes on the history of Minnesota, an activity in this department of work which we believe has been surpassed by but few societies in our country. The Committee on Publication tell us that the "design of these Collections is to gather up all the historical facts regarding Minnesota, or its people, that we are able, from such writers as will contribute them, and by publishing the same, at once preserve and disseminate the information contained therein." A considerable portion of this volume relates to the Indian nations which once occupied all of the present state of Minnesota, and to incidents of the "Indian period" of her history. The importance of securing at the present time all that can be done in this direction towards this rapidly disappearing race, seems to be uppermost in the minds of the members of this society. In a few years the Indians will be so nearly extinct, or so changed in their customs and religion, that their condition, as found by the early settlers of this northwest state, will be only a matter of history. Now is the only time to collect and record all valuable and interesting facts regarding them. The Rev. Mr. Williamson has in this volume an interesting sketch of the Sioux or Dakotas, a tribe who inhabited the Minnesota valley forty years ago, and at one time were the most powerful tribe within the present state of Minnesota; but they are now completely crushed. The white man has taken from them nearly everything except life. They are now poor, miserable beggars, unable to avenge their wrongs, and they know it. Well does the author say, in the words of Jefferson, "I tremble when I remember that God is just." A considerable portion of the present number is given to memoirs and obituary sketches of the pioneers of the state. The memoir of the Rev. John Mattocks is accompanied with a beautiful engraving furnished by his son. Let more sons follow this example.

The Minnesota Historical Society, July 3, 1880, celebrated the discovery of the Falls of St. Anthony by Louis Hennepin. In honoring Hennepin they honored the class to which he belonged—"those brave clergymen of two centuries ago, who came with the first of white men into the heart of our continent, and who were at once explorers, historians of discovery and heralds and martyrs of religion." For the manner in which the day was spent by the society and its friends, the reader is referred to the pages of the second pamphlet.

[By Willard S. Allen, A.M., of East Boston.]

*Geo. P. Rowell & Co.'s American Newspaper Directory, containing accurate Lists of all the Newspapers and Periodicals published in the United States, Territories, and the Dominion of Canada, together with a Description of the Towns and Cities in which they are Published.* New York: Geo. P. Rowell & Co., Publishers, 1880. [Post 8vo. pp. 1044.]

Whether regarded as a list of the newspapers of America, as the result of one of the most systematic business enterprises in the United States—that of the Advertising Bureau which publishes it—or as a business and industrial gazetteer of our country, this volume is alike a curiosity. Three hundred and ninety-six pages are given to a list of the newspapers of the United States, arranged alphabetically by states, and by cities and towns in each state, each presenting the exact location of the city or town, its population, leading industries, and the papers there published—this list comprising 9723 distinct journals. Following this list are nine classified lists of special publications and journals, designed especially for the benefit of advertisers; this being succeeded by nearly 500 pages of advertisements, thoroughly indexed. When it is remembered that fifteen years ago no such thing as a newspaper directory existed, and that now to accurately give the statistics of the press of our country, demanded by advertisers, requires a volume of over 1000 pages, it shows the gigantic proportions of the business, and the system to which it has been brought by the enterprising firm publishing this Directory.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*The Magazine of American History: with Notes and Queries.* Edited by JOHN AUSTIN STEVENS. Published by A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. [Large 4to. Published monthly in numbers of 80 pages each, with plates, maps, and autographs. Price \$5. per year.]

With the number for June, 1880, this journal closed its seventh volume (as we prefer to reckon its volumes), or Part I. of Volume IV., the numbers for six months when bound with the advertisements and covers, as should always be the case, making a volume of most desirable size for reading or consultation. From its commencement the high tone and solid character of its leading contents have been most marked, and in the past volumes much original information relating to American history and biography has been given to the public. In the volume just closed, viz., the numbers January—June, the most important historical articles are—The Allied Armies before New York in 1781; History and Ethnology of the Pawnee Indians; The battle of Harlem Plains, 1776, and Sullivan's Expedition against the Six Nations, 1779; the leading biographical sketches being those of Lady and Maj. Ackland; An Account of the Chew Family of Pennsylvania; Col. Return J. Meigs of the Connecticut Line of the Revolutionary Army, and Col. Samuel B. Webb of the Continental Army. Other general articles are given, together with translations, original papers, notes, queries and replies, and a carefully edited current bibliography. Special mention should, perhaps, be made of the Washington or February number, wherein original matter relating to Washington is given as follows: an article on a Standard for the Likeness of Washington, by William F. Hubbard; Washington's Headquarters on the Hudson; thirty letters of Washington now for the first time published, and fifteen pages of notes. The six numbers in this volume contain twelve portraits on steel, seventeen maps, plans, etc., views of four historic buildings, with numerous autographs, coats of arms, and smaller illustrations in the body of the work. No student of American history who would be well informed, can dispense with its judicious and able assistance.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*The History of Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts, from the Earliest Settlement known to the Present Time: A Period of about Two Hundred and Fifty Years.* By SIDNEY PERLEY, Member of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, Member of Essex Institute, etc. Illustrated. [Motto.] Boxford, Mass.: Published by the Author. 1880. [Cloth, 8vo. pp. 418. Press of Rand, Avery & Co. Price \$3, to be obtained of the author.]

Mr. Perley has performed most excellent work in the preparation of this history; during which, as he informs us in the Preface, "thousands of volumes have been read and referred to; much travel, inquiry and correspondence have been necessary; and considerable money, and month after month of time have been given it." But on the result the author may certainly congratulate himself. Every detail relating to the settlement of the town, its revolutionary and military history, sketches of its churches, schools, industries, biographies of prominent citizens, and other facts of interest, are all arranged in good order, and treated with reasonable fullness in every particular. Ten plates, engraved especially for the work, embellish the volume, and an Appendix and Index of names add to its value.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*Walpole [N. H.] as it was and as it is, containing the complete civil History of the Town from 1749 to 1879; together with a History of all the Church Organizations; also, a History of one hundred and fifty families that settled in town previous to 1820, with biographical sketches of a large number of its prominent citizens, and also a census of the town taken April 1, 1878.* By GEORGE ALDRICH. [Motto.] Printed by the Claremont Manufacturing Co., Claremont, N. H. 1880. [8vo. pp. 404.]

A complete history of Walpole has long been desired by the citizens and those interested in the town. Rev. Dr. Bellows's "Historical Sketch of Col. Benjamin Bellows, founder of Walpole," an address on occasion of the dedication of his monument, Oct. 11, 1854, was not intended to supply this want. Col. Bellows and his immediate descendants, however, bore such prominent parts in the history of the town, that the address in question necessarily furnishes a tolerably complete account of the events occurring during the first half century of its existence, presented, it is almost needless to say, in so graphic and eloquent a manner as to form one of the most successful pictures of the early life of a New England town. Only a limited

edition of the address was published, and it has long been very difficult to obtain a copy.

George Aldrich, Esq., a resident of Walpole, has made use, in the present work, of much of the material contained in Dr. Bellows's address, but has added many facts obtained from other sources, and has continued the history of the town to the present time. More than half of the volume is occupied by family histories, which are illustrated by numerous portraits. The author was aided in the publication of the work by an appropriation from the town of five hundred dollars. The volume gives evidence of great industry in the collection and preparation of material, and probably very little has been overlooked that would throw light upon the history of the town.

In this connection it may not be out of place to refer to the interesting monograph upon Joseph Dennie, recently printed, which is noticed in this number. Dennie began his literary career in Walpole, near the close of the last century, and by his *Lay Sermons* in the Farmer's Museum gained fame for himself as well as for the town where they were published. His management of the Museum, in which he associated with himself a brilliant company of wits and scholars, forms an interesting and unique chapter in the history of our early literature.

[By Thomas B. Peck, Esq., of Melrose.]

*Benedict Arnold at Saratoga.* By ISAAC N. ARNOLD. (Reprinted from the *United Service*, September, 1880.) [1880, 8vo. pp. 16.]

The article in the *United Service*, here reprinted, was called out by a review of the author's "Life of Benedict Arnold," by John Austin Stevens, in the March number of *The Magazine of American History*. Mr. Arnold in this reply confines himself to an examination of a single position of Mr. Stevens, who follows the lead of the historian Bancroft, who states that "Arnold was not on the field" (*History U. S.* ix. 410) at the battle of the 19th September. The author of the article under review, in taking issue with these gentlemen, asserts that "Arnold was on the field; was actively engaged in the battle of the 19th September, 1777, and that his services on that day and in the battle of the 7th of October contributed largely to the capture of Burgoyne and his army." Our readers will remember that this is substantially the position Mr. Drake takes in his review of Arnold's *Life of Arnold* in the January number of the REGISTER (xxxiv. 109-10). In our opinion, Mr. Arnold here produces abundant evidence, much of it received by him since the publication of his book, less than a year ago, to convince any unprejudiced reader, that, in the words of Mr. Drake, "To him [Gen. Arnold], indeed, rather than to Gates, who as the commander in chief bore off the honors, the success of this decisive campaign seems justly attributable."

*An Historical Sketch of the Town of East Providence, delivered before the Town Authorities and Citizens of East Providence, July 4th, 1876.* By GEORGE N. BLISS. Providence: John F. Greene, Printer. 1876. [16mo. Paper, pp. 52.]

The present sketch is one of the late centennial contributions to the local history of our country. The territory was a part of Rehoboth,—originally in Plymouth colony and afterwards in Massachusetts,—till 1862, when the final adjustment of the line between Massachusetts and Rhode Island threw it into the latter state. Here Roger Williams landed in April, 1636, "after a bitter winter voyage of fourteen weeks in an open boat," and here he "planted corn and made other preparations for a permanent residence." But he was persuaded by Gov. Winslow to remove to the opposite side of Seekonk river, to which Plymouth colony laid no claim, where he founded the present city of Providence. The pamphlet before us contains much information concerning the history of East Providence.

*The Newport Historical Magazine.* July, 1880. No. I. Vol. 1. Published by the Newport Historical Publishing Co., 128 Thames Street, Newport, R. I. [8vo. pp. 64. Price \$3 a year in advance. Address of publishers, P. O. Box 426.]

This is a new magazine devoted to the history of Newport County, Rhode Island, and the biography and genealogy of its inhabitants. It cannot fail to prove a useful publication. The editor is Henry E. Turner, M.D., of Newport, whose "Register," being a carefully compiled record of the births, marriages and deaths of Newport, Middletown and Jamestown, from the town and church records and graveyard inscriptions, alphabetically arranged, will form a prominent feature of the magazine.

The present number contains the commencement of Dr. Turner's Register for the towns of Newport and Middletown; genealogical articles on the Redwood and Barker families; an article by Dr. Barrows on "The Importance of Historical Publications," and the editor's "Introductory."

*History of the Thomas Adams and Thomas Hastings Families of Amherst, Massachusetts.* [Arms.] By HERBERT BAXTER ADAMS, In Memory and Honor of his Father and Mother, Nathaniel Dickinson Adams, born July 5, 1813, died Sept. 7, 1856; and Harriet (Hastings) Adams, born May 15, 1816, married December 1, 1836. Amherst, Mass.: Privately Printed. 1880. [Sm. 8vo. pp. 66.]

*Memorial of the Baxter Family.* From dates and minutes collected by JOSEPH NICKERSON BAXTER, of Boston. Harvard, A.B., A.M., 1875; Boston University Law School, LL.B., 1876; Mass. and Boston Bar, 1876. Boston: Printed for the Family. 1879. [8vo. pp. 114.]

*The Gedney and Clarke Families of Salem, Mass.* Compiled by HENRY FITZGILBERT WATERS. .... Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1880. [8vo. pp. 52.]

*Children of William and Dorothy King of Salem.* By HENRY F. WATERS. .... Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1880. [8vo. pp. 8.]

*Genealogical Notes of the Webb Family.* .... By EDWARD STANLEY WATERS. .... Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1880. [8vo. pp. 24.]

*Notes on the Richardson and Russell Families.* By JAMES KIMBALL, of Salem. .... Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1880. [8vo. pp. 39.]

*The Chipman Lineage, particularly as in Essex County, Mass.* By R. MANNING CHIPMAN, Lisbon, Conn. .... Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1872. [8vo. pp. 59.]

*The Ancestry and Posterity of Zaccheus Gould of Topsfield. A condensed abstract of the Family Records.* By BENJAMIN APTHORP GOULD. .... Salem: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1872. [8vo. pp. 109.]

*Historical and Biographical Notes of the Family of Town. Genealogical Memoranda of the Ancestry and Descendants of the late John Town, Esq., of Georgia, Vermont.* Printed for Private Distribution, by Henry Town, of Chicago, Ill. 1878. [8vo. pp. 16.]

*Farrington Memorial. A Sketch of the Ancestors and Descendants of Dea. John Farrington, a native of Wrentham, Mass., who in 1786 removed to China Plantation, or No. 9, District of Maine; and settled seven miles east of the Penobscot River. .... To which is appended the Genealogy of his wife, Cynthia Hawes.* 1880. Published by the Committee. [8vo. pp. 24.]

*Biographical Sketch of Joel Munsell.* By GEORGE R. HOWELL. *To which is appended a Genealogy of the Munsell Family.* By FRANK MUNSELL. Boston: Printed for the New England Historic, Genealogical Society. 1880. [8vo. pp. 15.]

*The Ederly Family.* By JAMES A. EDGERLY. .... Boston: Printed by David Clapp & Son. 1880. [8vo. pp. 8.]

*Gray and Coytmore. Two English Wills.* Printed for W. S. APPLETON. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers. 1880. [8vo. pp. 7.]

We continue this quarter our record of recent genealogical publications.

The book on the Adams and Hastings families is by Prof. Herbert B. Adams, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. The Adams family here recorded is descended from Henry Adams, of Braintree, the ancestor of two signers of the Declaration of Independence, Gov. Samuel Adams and President John Adams. The Hastings family is from Dea. Thomas Hastings, an early settler of Watertown. Much interesting matter concerning the two families has been collected, and the genealogy is clearly arranged. An article on "The Welsh-English Ancestry of the Braintree Adams Family," by Nelson D. Adams, Esq., of Washington, is here printed. In it is reprinted from the seventh volume of the REGISTER the Adams Pedigree, copied in 1851 by the late William Downing Bruce, F.S.A., from a parchment roll belonging to Edward Adams, Esq., of Middleton Hall, Carmarthenshire. Subsequent researches have discredited the pretended descent of Henry Adams of Braintree from this family. The writer of this had a conversation with the late Horatio G. Somerby, Esq., not long before his death. Mr. Somerby had seen the parchment roll, which we believe cannot now be found. He however gave it as his opinion that the connection between the Braintree and English families was a

forgery, though he thought from the appearance of the document that the parchment pedigree was drawn up, or additions were made to it, we forget which, many years before Mr. Bruce copied it. The researches of Col. Chester (*REGISTER*, xxxi. 333) have convinced him that the pretended connection is utterly incorrect. Mr. Somerby stated to us that a portion of the pedigree printed in the *REGISTER* was apparently correct. We think he said there was a William who married a daughter of Mr. Borington and had sons, *George, Henry, Ambrose and John*; and that George was the ancestor of Mr. Bruce. The statement that Henry died in Braintree, New England, and had the children named in the pedigree, he thought an evident forgery. As the *REGISTER* has unwittingly given currency to an erroneous pedigree, we deem it our duty to make this correction.

The Baxter memorial is preliminary to a full genealogy which the author has in preparation. It gives descendants of Gregory Baxter, an early settler of Roxbury, who soon removed to Braintree; and of several other families of the name who have not been connected with them. Lemuel Shattuck, Esq., in 1841, in his "System of Family Registration," printed a few families of the descendants of Gregory Baxter, and the *REGISTER* and other books contain more or less concerning the name; but this we believe is the first separate work devoted to the Baxters. It seems to be carefully compiled.

The next six pamphlets are reports from the "Historical Collections of the Essex Institute."

That on the Gedney and Clarke families, is by Mr. H. F. Waters, of Salem, one of the most talented and successful of our New England genealogists. The Gedneys "flourished in Salem during the first century after the settlement of New England, and became connected by marriage with other important and distinguished families of the colonial period." The Clarkes "settled in Salem early in the eighteenth century and continued here about a hundred years. Their connection with the family of Fairfax, who have held a most distinguished position both in England and America, and through them with the family of Washington of Virginia," imparts an additional interest to this work. Some interesting correspondence between the Clarkes and members of the Fairfax and Washington families is given. Mr. Waters has been very thorough in his investigations.

The next pamphlet is by the same author. In it he gives several valuable documents relating to the children and grandchildren of William and Dorothy King of Salem, who came to New England in 1635, in company with the Rev. Joseph Hull. (See *REGISTER*, xxv. 13.)

The pamphlet on the Webb family is by a cousin of the author of the last two works, who is also an accomplished genealogist. He has collected many interesting facts concerning the Webbs.

The pamphlet by Mr. Kimball gives one branch of the Richardson family which was not carried out by the late John A. Vinton in his "Richardson Memorial;" and also the descendants of Samuel Russell who married Elizabeth Hacker in Boston, Sept. 24, 1747.

The "Chipman Lineage" gives the descendants of Elder John Chipman of Barnstable, whose declaration giving many genealogical particulars is printed in the *REGISTER*, iv. 23-4. A sketch of the family is in xv. 79-81; see also xviii. 90; xxxi. 437. The author, the Rev. R. Manning Chipman, now of Hyde Park, Mass., has been a valued contributor to this periodical.

The Gould genealogy is by Prof. Benjamin A. Gould, the astronomer. The family has been traced back in England by Mr. Somerby to Thomas<sup>d</sup> Gould of Bovington in the parish of Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire, who died in 1520. He was the quatrayle of Zacheus<sup>d</sup> Gould, the New England immigrant.

The Town genealogy was compiled by Edwin Hubbard, of Chicago, Ill., an experienced and reliable genealogist. Much of the material has been derived from the communications of the late William B. Towne, A.M., to the *REGISTER*.

The pamphlet on the Farrington and Hawes families was prepared by a committee chosen at a reunion of the family in Brewer, Me., Aug. 28, 1879. A view of the homestead of Dea. John Farrington as it appeared in 1862 is given. We are indebted to the Rev. Charles M. Blake, post chaplain U. S. Army, one of the committee, for a copy.

The memoir of Joel Munsell with the Munsell genealogy is reprinted from the July *REGISTER*. This is the second Munsell genealogy printed. The first, entitled "The Windsor Family of Munsell," was prepared by Joel Munsell for Stiles's "History of Ancient Windsor," from which it was reprinted in 1859. Of Mr.



Munsell, several other biographical sketches have been printed, namely, in the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* for April (with portrait), by John J. Latting; in *Buttre's American Portrait Gallery*, Part 54 (with portrait), by Lillian C. Buttre; in the *Albany Mirror*, Nov. 8 and 15, 1879, by Mr. Phelps; in the *Albany Journal*, Jan. 22, 1880, by William L. Stone, and in *Albany Argus*, Jan. 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, by Mr. Janes. The editor would be thankful for references to other obituaries or sketches.

The last two pamphlets are reprints from the REGISTER, and their character is well known to our readers.

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*The History of the Honourable Artillery Company.* By Captain G. A. RAIKES, F.S.A., F.S.S., F. R. His. Soc., Third West York Light Infantry Militia, Instructor of Musketry Hon. Artillery Company, Corresponding Member of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, Author of "Historical Records of the First Regiment of Militia." With Maps and Illustrations. In Two Volumes. London: Richard Bentley & Son, New Burlington Street, Publishers in Ordinary to her Majesty the Queen. [8vo. vol. i. 1878, pp. 491; vol. ii. pp. 563.]

Of the numerous institutions organized on the continent of North America in imitation of those which have existed in Europe, the oldest is The Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, and an authentic history of its parent in our father-land,—the Honourable Artillery Company of London,—is consequently a valuable addition to every collection of historical works on either side of the Atlantic.

The London company was originally chartered by Henry VIII., on the 25th of August, 1537, as the Guild of St. George, for "improvement in the science of Artillery, or Long Bows, Cross Bows and Hand Guns." Its place of rendezvous was called the Artillery Garden, and when,—during the reign of queen Elizabeth,—the Spanish Armada threatened the destruction of London, it furnished officers from its ranks for the Train Bands of the British metropolis, and of other ports of the kingdom. From that time down to the present day, the Honourable Artillery Company of London has continued to teach its members the Art of War, and has always,—in times of danger at home or abroad,—proved a reliable arm of the military service of Great Britain.

When an English commercial company planted the Colony of Massachusetts Bay on our rock-bound coast, the emigrants were well supplied with armor, arms and ammunition by the Board at London. A prominent member of this Board was Capt. Henry Waller, who was at that time the commander of the Honourable Artillery Company, and it is reasonable to suppose that he encouraged some of the members who sought homes in the new world to form a similar company there. Captain Waller died at London, where he was buried on the 31st of October, 1631, and his funeral discourse was preached by the Rev. George Hughes. He was styled "the Worshipful Captain Henry Waller, the worthy commander of the renowned Band of the Honourable City of London, exercising arms in the Artillery;" and we learn from the discourse that he was much esteemed both in public and private life,—that he was one of the Common Council of the City,—and that he was about to be proposed as its representative in Parliament when he died.

There was some dissention in the Honourable Artillery Company about the choice of a successor to Capt. Waller, and King Charles I. settled the dispute by declaring that thenceforth the Sovereign would name the commander. The second captain thus appointed was Walter Neale, who had previously resided three years in New England, where he had established a colony on the banks of the river Piscataqua. In 1638 Captain Neale urged the King to appoint him "marshal" of

Virginia, with the charge of all military affairs in that colony, and he subsequently petitioned that he might be appointed "Governor of New England."

"The Military Company of the Massachusetts" was chartered by Gov. Winthrop, by order of the General Court, on the 17th of March, 1638. Military organization was then the only social distinction in the infant colony, for while all acknowledged allegiance to God and to the commonwealth, there were no forms in religion or nobility in the government. The clergy pointed out their narrow road to Heaven, and the drill-sergeants taught men of dauntless energy how to use weapons for their self-defence while on earth. The early confederation of the United Colonies of New England, for mutual military self-defence against savage foes and French invaders, finally resulted in independence, followed by the establishment of the United States of America.

Capt. Robert Keayne, one of the charter-members of the Military Company of the Massachusetts, and its first commander, had been admitted a member of the Honourable Artillery Company of London on the 6th of May, 1623. Another charter-member of the Massachusetts company, Robert Sedgwick, was—as we are told by Johnson, a contemporary writer—"brought up in London's Artillery Garden." He subsequently served with distinction in the British army, and died in England, having attained the rank of Major General. Several other members of the Massachusetts and of the London company served in the Parliamentary army organized by Oliver Cromwell, and are honorably mentioned in history.

The British company had its annual "feast," preceded by a sermon, until 1685, an example which has been followed by the Massachusetts company to the present time, and there are other points of resemblance between the two corps. The British company has refused, with a single exception, to admit honorary members, and the only ones ever chosen by the Massachusetts company are two distinguished captain-generals of the British company: Prince Albert in 1857, and his son Prince Albert Edward in 1878—both having been proposed by Past Commander the Honourable Marshall P. Wilder.

Captain Raikes (who is the author of several other valuable military historical works), is Inspector of Musketry to the Honourable Artillery Company of London, and he has collected, in two handsome volumes, the leading events in its history, which are profusely illustrated by portraits of commanders; pictures of armory buildings, uniforms, flags and weapons; illustrations of the manual exercise; and maps of the company's drill-yards in the city of London. Unlocking the historical treasures of the glorious old company, he has traced its progress through the fierce struggle which has gradually changed the unwritten British constitution from the aspect which it wore in feudal times into that form of rational liberty which it now bears, and has made dear Old England as young in energy, capability and progress as she was when the Honourable Artillery Company of London was summoned to the field by queen Elizabeth,—the type of queen Victoria, as well in the truly English complexion of her character, as in the hold which she possessed over the hearts of the Anglo-Saxon race on both shores of the Atlantic.

The British company now consists of a troop of Light Cavalry, a Battery of Field Artillery and a Battalion of Infantry. Each member pays an entrance fee of £5, and an annual subscription of £2. 2s., and provides his own uniform, the approximate cost of which is: for the cavalry, £29; the artillery, £14, and the infantry, £13. Arms and accoutrements are provided and kept in order by the company. The drill-yard is six acres in extent, and the drill hall is 160 by 40 feet. There are regular drills for the Infantry on Monday and Thursday evenings, for the Artillery on Tuesday evenings, and for the Cavalry on Wednesday evenings. Instruction in fencing and in broadsword exercise is given free of charge to those members who wish to receive it.

It is to be regretted that Captain Raikes could not have given us more details concerning the personal appearance, history and habits of those who have been prominently connected with the British company, and have enlivened his accurate historical details with graphic descriptions of the "feasts" and "field-days." But he has nevertheless furnished a valuable contribution to military literature in thus chronicling the oldest martial organization in the world. He has also given many interesting facts concerning the Massachusetts company,—the oldest martial organization on this continent, although they are clumsily arranged, and fail to give an idea of the strength and position of the junior corps, which has outlived every institution except the Christian church and the public school that was in existence in the colony of Massachusetts Bay when it was chartered. Each organization forming a link between past and present generations, is Ancient and Hon-

orable, and the old quotation may well be applied to them: "Fair Mother—Beautiful Daughter."

[By Major Ben: Perley Poore, of West Newbury.]

*A Relation of a Voyage to Sagadahoc. Now first printed from the Original Manuscript in the Lambeth Palace Library.* Edited, with Preface, Notes and Appendix, by Rev. B. F. DE COSTA. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1880. [8vo. pp. 43. Private edition, reprinted from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society for May, 1880.]

The fact of the Sagadahoc Colony is as well established as any fact of history. The earliest writers on America, the earliest voyagers to the new world, the later histories of our country based on the authority of early MSS. and accepted as trustworthy, acknowledge the existence of the Sagadahoc, or Sir John Popham colony, at the mouth of the Kennebec River in Maine, in 1607. There is not the shadow of a historic doubt upon this point. But the *historical significance* of this colony has in late years formed the subject of much unnecessary and bitter controversy, though, as we are glad to acknowledge, this fog of controversy is clearing up, leaving us to see beneath the clear statements of historic truth, upon which all students may rest and form such conclusions as in their own minds the facts seem to warrant. The general historian has not yet dealt largely with the philosophy of the historic significance or value of the Popham colony; this has been left to the special historian and historical essayist. But after going carefully over the whole subject, and giving a close reading to all the existing information upon the subject, who will not say the compact argument of the late Hon. John A. Poor, in his "First Colonization of America," is not as worthy of acceptance as the rhetoric of the late Hon. Erastus C. Benedict, in his "Beginning of America;" or that the solid, candid explanation of historic facts by the late Dr. Edward Ballard, the learned and polished and gentlemanly secretary of the Maine Historical Society, is not entitled to as much weight as the criticisms of Mr. William Frederick Poole. Much has been contributed to this controversy, especially that which was occasioned by the action of the Maine Historical Society in erecting the Memorial Tablet to Popham in the walls of Fort Popham in 1862, that has been of little consequence, and which will be entirely overlooked by historical students as the years go on; for even now, after the lapse of nearly twenty years, who places any particular value upon half the statements forming the staple of public discussion of that date, and which their writers thought so important? The facts of history remain, and as the years go on their historical importance and significance will receive the proper recognition and acceptance. We need not fear that when this acceptance is established, any locality, or person, or fact of importance, will be overlooked, or fail to receive its just share of merit and distinction. The facts of history cannot be warped in such way that the testimony of the centuries will not sometime set them right.

The literature of this subject has received a new contribution in the tract now under notice. William Strachey, Gent., of whom but little is known, was Secretary and Recorder to the Virginia Company of London,\* in America, 1609. In 1612 he was in London, and edited a quarto book accompanying Capt. John Smith's map of Virginia, at Oxford, in that year. He wrote an account of the early settlements in Virginia "upon the Island of Roanok," at "the expense and charge of Sir Walter Raleigh;" and also "gathered" (so says the title page of the original MSS. in the library of the British Museum), a book "of the Northern Colonie, seated upon the River of Sachadehoc, Transported Anno 1585, at the charge of Sir John Popham, Knight, late Lord Chief Justice of England." This narrative of Strachey was published by the Hakluyt Society of London in 1849; in 1853 portions of it were reprinted in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society (Series iv. vol. i. p. 219), and in 1853 those chapters of this work relating to the colony of "Sachadehoc," four in number, were re-published by the Maine Historical Society (Collections, vol. iii. p. 286). It has been evident, from a careful study of Strachey's report of the "Northern Colonie," that he derived his information from some source which he did not credit; and Mr. De Costa believes that the "Relation of a Voyage to Sagadahoc," which he now gives to the public, is the one from which Strachey drew his information. This manuscript was found by Mr. De Costa in the Lambeth Palace Library, London, in the summer of 1875, and he is satisfied that the MS., or at least a tolerable copy of it, passed through Stra-

\* Neill's History of the Virginia Company of London, 1869, p. 43.

they's hands, and formed the principal source of his knowledge respecting the Pop-ham colony. Its author is believed to have been James Davis, one of the council of the colony. The title of the MS. found by Mr. De Costa, states that it was found among "y<sup>e</sup> papers of y<sup>e</sup> truly Wor<sup>sh</sup>ful Sr Ferdinando Gorges K<sup>t</sup>, by me William Griffith."

The Relation occupies seventeen pages of Mr. De Costa's very unique pamphlet, beginning with the first day of June, 1607, and ending 26th September, to which is appended, from the Oxford MS., the portion corresponding with the last pages of the narrative which forms the conclusion of Strachey's "Historie," the last words of which are so familiar to historical students, "And this was the end of that northern colony upon the River Sachadehoc." The narrative abounds in curious details, is enriched with copious notes, and contains those quaint outline representations of the various islands and headlands seen along the coast, first given in the Hakluyt Society volume. In his preface, which occupies twelve pages, Mr. De Costa gives an interesting account of the original MS. of this voyage, how it was discovered and copied, the evidences of its authorship, and reviews at considerable length and with great candor and wealth of learning the historic significance and claims of the colony of Sagadahoc. A full investigation of the facts shows that the Pop-ham colonists were men of fair character, though the majority may not have been superior to colonists of 1600 in general. Still, the record of Sagadahoc is unstained, and its claims do not conflict with the claims of Plymouth, which have received full acknowledgment. It is undisputed that Sagadahoc formed an essential preliminary to the colonization of New England, and an essential part of the irrepressible British activity abroad, not only in New England but in Virginia; and so far as the historic facts remain, we believe the Sagadahoc colonists can never be deprived of the credit due them in laying the foundations of New England. And it is an honor to the colonists that on "Sondaye, beinge the 9th of August in the morninge," the "holl company" landed, the cross was erected, and the devoted clergyman, Rev. Richard Seymour, delivered a sermon, "giving God thanks for our happy meetinge and safe aryvall into the contry." And is it too much to say in the words of Mr. De Costa: "A christian priest stepped upon the soil of New England for the first time at Monhegan in 1607, an authorized minister pronounced the first blessing, and then and there New England was formally consecrated to christian civilization."

Historical students everywhere, whether accepting the full claims of the Sagadahoc colony, as stated by Mr. De Costa, or not, can but thank him for the great care with which he has edited this tract, the richness of the learning and historic explanations which he has added to the text in copious notes, and the broad spirit of historic unselfishness and desire for accuracy which seems to have prompted every expression of opinion, or inference from a fact.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq., of Augusta, Me.]

*Memoirs of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America: Containing—I. A Narrative of the Organization and of the Early Measures of the Church; II. Additional Statements and Remarks; III. An Appendix of Original Papers.* By the Rt. Rev. WILLIAM WHITE, D.D. Edited, with Notes and a Sketch of the Origin and Progress of the Colonial Church, by the Rev. B. F. De COSTA. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. 1880. [8vo. pp. 474. For sale by A. Williams & Co., Boston.]

The reader takes up this volume with pleasure as he regards the superior typography, the fine paper and the excellently engraved portrait of the venerable author opposite the title page.

It is hardly necessary to remark upon the judicious manner in which it is edited by the learned historian, the Rev. B. F. De Costa, who is known not only for his general large historical information, but as one who has studied and published valuable contributions relating to the annals of the church of which this book is a memoir.

To the churchman and ecclesiastical scholar this work of Bishop White has long been known, and its accuracy and value appreciated, but it will interest the general reader who may be tempted to study this contribution to the religious history of our country, to know something of its venerable author and his eminent fitness for the work.

The Rev. Dr. William White is known to popular fame chiefly as the chaplain of the Continental Congress in 1775, also of that assembled at Yorktown at the time of the capture of Philadelphia. He at one time wrote: "I continued as did all of us

to pray for the king until Sunday before the 4th of July, 1776. Within a short time after I took the oath of allegiance to the United States, and have since remained faithful to it. My intentions were upright and most seriously weighed."

In the revision of the forms of service of the Church of England, after the independence of this country had been established, and in adapting the united action of parishes of that communion in convention to the newly existing condition of affairs in the United States, his eminent abilities were most useful. His sound judgment united with extensive information, and his intellectual attainments, well qualified him for the task.

There was a strong popular prejudice against this religious body through the country, arising from jealousy of apprehended prelatical and political tendencies, and active measures were used to prevent the ardently desired wish of its people to perfect their organization by the necessary consecration in England of bishops for America. Dr. Seabury, of Connecticut, had been consecrated by the Scottish non-juring bishops at Aberdeen in 1784, but the desire for continuity with the English succession led the first general convention of this church held in Philadelphia, of which Dr. White was unanimously chosen president, to forward a petition for the consecration of American bishops through Mr. Adams, the American minister in London, to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Mr. Adams readily undertook the service and assisted its object. He wrote several years after, "There is no part of my life on which I look back and reflect with more satisfaction than the part I took, bold, daring and hazardous as it was to myself and mine, in the introduction of episcopacy in America."

Dr. White was subsequently unanimously elected Bishop in Pennsylvania, embarked for London, and was consecrated at Lambeth Chapel in 1787, being the first bishop of the strictly English succession consecrated for America.

He was not prelatical in its offensive sense. The many trusts and offices of dignity which had been placed upon him by popular and also ecclesiastical favor did not affect the mild urbanity and humility of his character. He believed with quaint Francis Quarles's *Enchiridion*, "If thou art not worth more than the world can make thee, thy Redeemer had a bad pennyworth."

Calm, dignified, thoroughly informed, exact, he was eminently fitted to prepare these *Memoirs of the Protestant Episcopal Church*, and the value of the work will not be likely to be overestimated by one studying the general history of ecclesiastical movements in the United States.

The book had become rare and consequently expensive, and the thanks of the public are due to Messrs. E. P. Dutton & Co. for reproducing it in such excellent form, and to the Reverend Editor for his labors which add value to it.

[By J. Gardner White, A.M., of Cambridge.]

*An American Edition of the Treatise of Fysshynge wyth an Angle, from the Boke of St. Albans*, by DAME JULIANA BERNERS, A.D. 1496. Edited by GEO. W. VAN SICLEN, of the New York Bar. New York: Orange Judd Company. 1880. [Sq. 16mo. pp. 118. Price \$1.50.]

The "Treatise of Fysshynge wyth an Angle" is not only the very earliest, but by far the most curious essay upon the subject which has ever appeared in the English, or perhaps in any other language. There has been some doubt as to the authorship of this celebrated book, but it has by general consent been attributed to Dame Julyans (or Juliana) Berners, Bernese or Barnes, prioress of the nunnery of Sopwell, near St. Albans; a lady of noble family, and celebrated for her learning and accomplishments. It was first written in 1490, and fragments of a MS. of the treatise are found in one or two private libraries in England. The first edition was "Emprynted" by Wynkyn de Worde in 1496, and but two or three copies of this edition are known to be in existence—one in the library of the British Museum. It was originally included in "Treatyses perteynyng to Hawkyng, Huntynge and Fysshynge with an angle"—although an edition was printed by de Worde in a separate form. The popularity of the book, if we may use a modern term, is attested by the fact that it had "run through" ten editions before the death of Queen Elizabeth; and for nearly a hundred years it was the sole book of its kind, Leonard Moscall writing his "Booke of Fishing with Hooke and Line" in 1590. Walton's "Compleat Angler" did not appear till 1653, and he borrowed many of his practical suggestions from Dame Juliana, as an examination of the two books will show. The several reprints of the "Treatise" have been—one by William Pickering, London, in 1827, from the types of John Baskerville; one by Thomas White, London, in 1832; one by James L. Black, New York, in 1875, and one by Mr. Elliot Stock,

London, in 1890. This last is a very rich edition, in *fac-simile*, reproduced by photography from the copy of the first edition now in the British Museum, and edited by Rev. G. M. Watkins. The first American edition was edited by Mr. George W. Van Siclen, of the New York bar, for whom it was privately printed, and by him dedicated to the members of the Willewenoc Club, an association of New York lovers of the "gentle cryt" whose headquarters are on the Beaverkill in Sullivan county, N. Y. It is from the plates of this edition, we judge, that the present publishers have issued the new impression now under notice, as it is in every respect identical with that, though on many accounts we prefer the genuine "Van Siclen edition." But in the larger Orange Judd edition, the fresh, quaint, charming "Treatyse" is sure to find many admirers, and the patient, mediæval spirit of its four-hundred-year-old wisdom will charm many a modern disciple of Dame Juliana and dear old Isaak.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq.]

*History of the Flag of the United States of America, and of the Naval and Yacht-Club Signals; Seals and Arms, and Principal National Songs of the United States, with a Chronicle of the Symbols, Standards, Banners and Flags of Ancient and Modern Nations.* By GEO. HENRY PREBLE, Rear-Admiral U.S.N. Second Revised Edition. Illustrated with ten Colored Plates, Two Hundred Engravings on Wood, Maps and Autographies. Boston: A. Williams & Co. 1890. [8vo. pp. xxi. + 815. Price \$7, including postage in the United States or to any Postal Union country.]

Charles Lamb once said that previous to reading Milton he wished to hear a solemn service of music, that he might be prepared to appreciate the grandeur and magnificence of his poems. It would be fitting before following the author through this volume, that one should listen to the booming of cannon from a man-of-war, or hear the strains of martial music from a full band, and so be charged with patriotism, that he might appreciate the glory attending his country's flag as here traced from its humble beginnings to the present time when it floats so proudly among those of the most favored nations. The author's enthusiasm for his subject, the length of time given to it, and the untiring industry of research displayed, have brought a wealth of material to his command that must make the book a fountain to draw from, as well as authority to look up to, for any future writer on this interesting theme.

It is none too soon either to have some one gather up and record, as is here done, the facts and incidents concerning our flag during the late war against the union. The truth in regard to causes and conduct of war between widely separated nations is difficult to discover and unfold, but to unravel the snarled skein in a fratricidal strife of such magnitude, where disloyalty to the country's flag was within our own borders, is doubly so. This Admiral Preble, with a clear insight into the state of mind then prevailing, endeavors to do, and has succeeded in presenting a trustworthy and succinct history of the flag during that eventful period. One cannot read it, even at this distant day, without trembling for the fate of the stars and stripes. Trailed in the dust as it was by rebel hands, all such indignity and humiliation only served to endear it the more to loyal hearts. It had perforce to be struck to its enemies, but never with dishonor. In truth it emerged from the conflict with added lustre. One very significant illustration of this is the reference by Admiral Preble to the lines by Campbell, the poet of Hope:

"Your standard's constellation types  
White freedom by its stars;  
But what's the meaning of your stripes,—  
They mean your negro's scars."

This taunt, at the time it was given, did have its sting, notwithstanding the reply by Hon. George Lunt, admirable as that was. Bandyng wrong against wrong did not, however, lessen the sting in either case. It was only after our own nation had wrestled with the wrong and overcome it, that it could proudly point to its standard with the stain removed.

Another important part of the text of the book is the chronicle of the Symbols, Flags, &c., of ancient and modern nations. The dust of many an old, forgotten tome must have been disturbed in gathering this mass of curious information. Here we find matter and incidents relating to the Cross, Crescent, Egyptian Standards, Eagles of the Romans, Banners of the Knights, Masonic Emblems, Lillies of France, and a long catalogue beside, too numerous to mention. It is to be feared the scheme

of this part of the work is too comprehensive, and that the general reader will pass it by in order to come directly to the main object of the book. As might have been expected from the author's outlook, the navy comes in for a fair portion of his pages. The beginnings of our Naval Organization are given with great detail. It is interesting to note what a wide scope was taken in giving names to the first five vessels purchased in 1775. "The first was named Alfred, in honor of the founder of the greatest navy that ever existed; the second, Columbus, after the discoverer of this quarter of the globe; the third, Cabot, for the discoverer of the northern part of this continent; the fourth, Andrea Doria, in honor of the great Genoese admiral; and the fifth, Providence, the name of the town where she was purchased, and the residence of Hopkins who was appointed the first captain."

To the Alfred is claimed the high honor of being the first to wear "the flag of America." She was reported as mounting twenty 9-pounders; and, that one may see what have been the changes in naval warfare within a hundred years, Admiral Preble states the weight of shot thrown from the Alfred's entire battery or both broadsides was not equal to the weight of a single shot thrown by one of our modern monitors. To one who has spent so many years under the folds of the flag, and who has kept step to the music of the union upon the quarter-deck so much of that time, it is but natural that an account of the songs of our country should go with the history of its flag. Consequently 53 pages are added at the end, wherein a great number of interesting facts are brought together regarding our patriotic songs, from Hail Columbia to the famous John Brown song. In respect to the latter, a great amount of evidence is given as to its origin, from which it seems conclusive that the song originated in the very beginning of the war, at Fort Warren, Boston harbor, and was first published in Charlestown. Probably no one song was ever so distinctively a soldier's song as this, made up as it was line upon line by the soldiers themselves. It possessed the impelling force of the old hero himself, and was the rallying song through the long years of that war his daring deeds and heroic death did so much to precipitate upon his countrymen.

There are other features in this valuable book that demand notice, as the most casual reader of even the title-page will observe, but lack of space forbids touching upon them. It is to be hoped the book will find its way into many homes of our land, to diffuse its patriotic spirit, and that the joy of loyalty and devotion to our national flag in the future shall cause it to be held in that honor and respect described by Admiral Preble as accorded in the Russian navy to its nation's colors.

The ensign is lowered with great formality at sunset. The officers are assembled on the quarter-deck, with the band in position, and the crew in their places; as the flag begins to descend the national air is played, and the officers and crew stand uncovered before the emblem of the nation's sovereignty. It is hoisted with similar ceremonies.

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*Proceedings of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Gathering in England, Departure for America and Final Settlement in New England, of the First Church and Parish of Dorchester, Mass., coincident with the Settlement of the Town. Observed March 28 and June 17, 1880.* Boston: Geo. H. Ellis, Publisher, 101 Milk Street. 1880. [8vo. pp. 176. Price 75 cents in cloth, or 50 cents in paper.]

The two services of the first parish in Dorchester, commemorative—as stated in the title-page of the book before us—of the gathering of the church, its departure from England, and its planting on these shores, were admirably conducted, as a reference to the printed pages will show. The Rev. Mr. Barrows, in the first of his sermons, entitled, "The Genesis and Exodus of the first Church at Dorchester," in a learned, lucid and satisfactory manner traces the incipency, progress and ultimate development of Puritan principles, and their effects upon the lives and characters of our fathers, permeating their thoughts and feelings, making true noble men, fit for the stirring duties and conflicts of their day and generation. There was a gradation of steps, it may be said, from John Wycliffe the reformer, to John White the "patriarch of Dorchester." They might be considered relatively as the cause and sequence of principles and ideas that resulted in the formation of the Dorchester church, which was organized in Plymouth, England, and came over a distinct, embodied church. Whether the portion of the church that left for Windsor, Conn., in 1636, under Warham, the junior pastor, or the other portion who remained with the senior pastor, Maverick, in their midst, should be entitled to the appellation of the First, the original church, the fact remains, as Mr. Barrows



has well said, "that both the church at Windsor and that at Dorchester directly owe their origin to the little band that gathered in Plymouth, England, in 1630." The afternoon services of that day consisted of a welcome by the pastor, singing from the version of Sternhold and Hopkins, words and tunes used by our fathers two hundred and fifty years ago, with other tunes and words of more modern composition. Addresses were made by, or letters received from, ministers representatives of churches in Plymouth, Salem, Boston, Watertown, Roxbury, the second church in Dorchester and the church in Milton. At the second celebration, June 17th, the subject of the sermon by the Rev. Mr. Barrows was, "The vine planted in the wilderness." It was substantially a history of the church, interspersed with notes of some contemporaneous events which occurred in various countries of the world, the religious epochs of the church, the growth and development of the country, and various other topics flowing legitimately out of the subject before him. Interesting addresses were made in the afternoon by Gov. Long, Prof. William Everett, Edward Everett Hale, the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, Dr. George E. Ellis, the Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Windsor, Conn., and others. The Appendix contains letters received from distinguished personages, among them Gen. Grant, the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, the Hon. Josiah Quincy, the Hon. E. W. Stoughton.

The following telegram was received that day from the Mayor of Dorchester, Dorsetshire, England: "Old Dorchester sends cordial congratulations to New Dorchester upon its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, and warmly reciprocates its affectionate attachment."

[By William B. Trask, Esq., of Boston.]

*Fourth Report of the Record Commissioners.* 1880. [City Seal.] Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, City Printers. 1880. [8vo. pp. v.+332. With Index of names.]

This is the fourth report of Messrs. Whitmore and Appleton, the Record Commissioners of the city of Boston. The three previous reports have already been noticed in the REGISTER (xxx. 347; xxxii. 110; xxxiii. 264). In these notices we have expressed our opinion of the value of the work the commissioners are doing. The present report contains the first volume of the records of the old town of Dorchester, Mass., from 1632 to 1654.

It is asserted in the History of Dorchester (p. 29), that this record book, "in point of time, takes precedence of any town records in Massachusetts." We know of no contemporary town record of earlier date. The Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D., 1834, wrote a description of this book, which was printed in a pamphlet of four pages, now very rare, under the title, "Some Account of the Old Book of Records of the Town of Dorchester." This pamphlet is reprinted by Mr. Trask in the REGISTER (xxi. 163) in the introduction to his annotated copy of the early portion of these records (Jan. 21, 1632, to Sept. 2, 1637), which appeared thirteen years ago in the REGISTER for April, July and October, 1867, and January, 1868. A list of grantees from the original book is printed in this number of the REGISTER, page 72.

We are glad to see prefixed to this volume the admirable report of Alderman O'Brien, chairman of the committee on printing, as it contains sound views on the duty of towns to preserve their ancient records, and the best way of printing them. We understand that the commissioners have in press two other volumes to be issued soon, namely, a volume of the town records of Roxbury, and the articles of the late Mr. Nathaniel I. Bowditch in the Boston Evening Transcript, under the signature of "Gleaner," upon the history of real estate in Boston.

*Fifth Register of the Massachusetts Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Boston, May, 1880.* Boston: Press of Rockwell & Churchill. 1880. [12mo. pp. 46.]

This order was instituted April 9, 1865, "to cherish the memories and associations of the war in defence of the unity and indivisibility of the Republic," and for kindred objects. The Massachusetts Commandery was organized and instituted in March, 1868, and is in a flourishing condition. The present pamphlet contains a register of every member of the commandery, living and dead, to May, 1880, with the date of admission, the original entrance into the service, present address of the living, and other particulars. Prefixed is a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the parent order.

*The Lake of the Red Cedars; or Will It Live? Thirty Years in Lake. A Record of the First Thirty Years of Baptist Labors in the County of Lake, State of Indiana.* By Y. N. L. Crown Point, Ind.: T. H. Ball, Publisher. 1880. [12mo. pp. 357. With map.]

This little volume deals mainly with the experiences of a small Baptist colony from West Springfield, Massachusetts, who in 1837 left their old family homes in that town and founded a settlement in Lake, the north-westernmost county of Indiana, and now almost under the shadow of the great city of Chicago. The spot chosen for this settlement was a lovely one, and the varying fortunes of the settlers, though written in a rambling, disconnected way, are described in an interesting manner. There are no accounts of hair-breadth escapes from Indian attacks, no perilous adventures or other thrilling incidents peculiar to early border life in the West, but only a simple history of the rise, progress and development of a western township based on New England traditions and New England character. Aside from its merit as a narrative of religious progress, the book contains some interesting family sketches and personal records which are of value to those engaged in tracing family lines to which these are related. The appendix, which adds ten years record to the body of the work (from 1868 to 1878) contains, among other interesting matter, a record of Baptist marriages in Lake County, from March 3, 1842, to March 20, 1880. The style, as has been already stated, is rambling, but is varied in an entertaining manner by personal anecdotes and incidents. The principal defect of the work is the lack of an index, which in all books pertaining to family history is necessary and desirable.

[By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of Boston.]

*Peirce's Colonial Lists. Civil, Military and Professional Lists of Plymouth and Rhode Island Colonies. Comprising Colonial, County and Town Officers, Clergymen, Physicians and Lawyers. With Extracts from Colonial Laws defining their Duties. 1621—1700.* By EBENEZER W. PEIRCE. . . . Boston: A. Williams & Co., 263 Washington Street; David Clapp & Son, 564 Washington Street. 1881. [8vo. pp. 156. Price \$2, including postage.]

Of this book it may truly be said that it supplies a want that has long been felt. Whitmore's "Massachusetts Civil List," the only book resembling this, contains the colonial officers of Plymouth colony, but does not give the military and town officers and the professional men. A list of the officers and professional men in Rhode Island is here first collected. The facts gathered up and clearly arranged in this book are such as are often found the hardest to obtain, and those who have spent days and weeks in endeavoring to ascertain a single fact in our early history, will be thankful to Gen. Peirce for the labor which future investigators into local history and genealogy will be spared by the use of this book.

We had no idea that such complete lists, as we find in this book, of the "colonial, county and town officers, clergymen, physicians and lawyers" of the colonies of Plymouth and Rhode Island could be gathered together. To do this must have required much unremitting toil, and the perseverance which the compiler has shown is worthy of all honor. The extracts from colonial laws defining the functions of officials have been made with judgment, and will be found very useful.

"Should the demand for this work," we are informed in the preface, "seem to warrant the effort for a further and enlarged publication in the same line, the compiler will probably, ere long, publish in like form the Civil, Military and Professional Lists of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Haven and New Hampshire colonies, which, with the present work, will constitute complete books of reference to all Colonial New England." We trust that sufficient encouragement may be given to Gen. Peirce for him to continue his labors.

*The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, from May, 1757, to March, 1762, inclusive.* Transcribed and Edited in accordance with a Resolution of the General Assembly. [State Seal.] By CHARLES J. HOADLY, State Librarian. Hartford: Press of The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company. 1880. [8vo. pp. 662.]

The eleventh volume of the Colonial Records of Connecticut, issued last September, brings the records down to the year 1762. This volume contains "the first four hundred and forty-six pages of the ninth manuscript volume of the Public Records of the Colony. Neither the Journal of the Governor and Council, nor that of either branch of the General Assembly during the years which this volume embraces, are known to be extant." The "Answers to Queries from the Board of

Trade, 1761-2," printed as an appendix, "from copies procured at the Public Record office in London," show the condition of the colony at that time in regard to trade, manufactures, &c.

Like previous volumes, a full index of subjects and names is given. Mr. Hoadly deserves great credit for the superior manner in which he brings out these volumes.

*The Early Records of Groton, Massachusetts, 1672—1707.* Edited by SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D. Groton: 1880. [8vo. pp. 201.]

The town of Groton is fortunate in having a son like Dr. Green, who is interested in gathering up and preserving every incident in its early history, and rescuing from oblivion the memory of its founders, among whom we find the name of Benjamin Garfield, ancestor of Gen. James A. Garfield, president elect of the United States. His historical addresses, which have been noticed in the REGISTER (xxx. 483; xxxiv. 231), are replete with the lore of the past.

The volume before us is a work of marvellous industry, though few who look upon its clear type and beautiful paper, will probably suspect it. Those, however, who have seen the tattered pages of the original record and pored over its perplexing hieroglyphics, portions of which are gone and others half obliterated, to which fantastic spelling adds other difficulties, can form some idea of the amount of labor which Dr. Green has bestowed upon the work.

Portions of this book, under the titles of "Early Records of Groton" (xxxiii. 454), and "Early Land Grants of Groton" (xxxiv. 112), have been noticed in the REGISTER.

These "records of the town of Groton are the earliest extant, and were probably the first made of any meeting held within its limits. They are copied from the only book of records kept during the Indian wars, and are now printed in accordance with a vote of the town. From the fact that the book was for a while preserved rolled up, it acquired the name of 'The Indian Roll.' It appears to have been lost at one time, but was subsequently found."

The copying and superintending the printing of this volume is entirely a labor of love.

*Washington Academy. Historical Address of the Hon. James Gibson at the Centennial Celebration, held at Salem, N. Y., on August 25-26, 1880.* [Royal 8vo. pp. 25.]

The one hundredth anniversary of this academy, located at Salem, Washington County, N. Y., was celebrated last August. The full proceedings are printed in the *Salem Press*, Sept. 3 and 10, 1880. The oration by the Hon. James Gibson is reprinted from the *Press* in the pamphlet before us. The town of Salem was settled between 1764 and 1770 by Scotch Irish, German Palatines and New England people. In 1780 there were three hundred families there. In that year a classical school was founded, which eleven years later was incorporated as "Washington Academy," whose centenary was observed on the above-named occasion.

Mr. Gibson in his address gives an interesting narrative of the settlement of that part of New York state, and biographies of the principals of the academy and others connected with it, with glances at the state of society and of education there at different periods. The author of this address has prepared a full history of the academy, which he will publish if sufficient encouragement is given. We trust that he may be encouraged to do it.

*Suffolk Deeds, Liber I.* Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, City Printers, No. 39 Arch St. 1880. [8vo. pp. 827.]

This volume has been printed by order of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, acting as County Commissioners. The original, which has a value to the historical student as well as the conveyancer, had become so much dilapidated that the most prominent members of the Suffolk bar petitioned Feb. 10, 1879, that the volume be copied and printed verbatim, which has been done. The copy has been made by William B. Trask, Esq., than whom no more competent person could be found. Mr. Trask has superintended the printing. He has also indexed the work in a thorough manner, there being five separate indexes, filling 330 pages. John T. Hassam, Esq., to whom the public are more indebted than any other person for bringing this matter to the attention of the members of the bar and the board of aldermen, has rendered valuable assistance on the indexes and in other ways.

The volume has been completed at so late a day, that a notice worthy of the book cannot be prepared in season for this number. We hope to do justice to it in our April issue.

*The Relation of the Fisheries to the Discovery and Settlement of North America. Delivered before the New Hampshire Historical Society, at Concord, June, 1880, and the Massachusetts Fish and Game Protection Society, at Boston, 1880.* By CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY. . . . Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers. 1880. [8vo. pp. 26.]

Mr. Woodbury is well known as a diligent student of New England history. This short essay is the result of his studies of some of the early European voyages of discovery to these shores, and particularly fishing voyages. He points out some interesting relations between the winter fisheries and settlements not hitherto noticed. He also touches upon many points relating to the period of discovery and colonization, that historical students will find worthy of their consideration. Our space will not allow us to indicate fully Mr. Woodbury's interesting views of the characters and events of the period upon which he writes. We commend this review to all who desire to see this great subject freshly and vigorously considered. We regard it as an earnest of what we may expect from his other historical researches.

[By Charles W. Tuttle, A.M., of Boston.]

*The Life of James A. Garfield.* By CHARLES CARLETON COFFIN (War Correspondent "Carleton"). *With a Sketch of the Life of Chester A. Arthur. Illustrated.* Boston: James H. Earle, Publisher. 1880. [12mo. pp. 364.]

This book was written in haste in the early portion of the recent presidential campaign; and now that the subject is soon to be raised to the highest gift in American citizenship, a new interest surrounds it. Though written in haste, it is well done. The aptness of Mr. Coffin in collating incidents which are surrounded by things exciting interest, is shown in this work. The subject of this biography affords a fine field for research and writing, which makes the book one of great interest. The struggle of the parents, the youth of Garfield, his endeavors to secure education, his aptness in the class room as teacher, his patriotism and service in the war, and the breadth and culture displayed in Congress in dealing with the multitudinous questions which arise in the affairs of state, all of these open to a wide-awake author a richness of theme rarely surpassed. Mr. Coffin has done his work well; and in this brief notice we will not mention it as a mere campaign book, for it has proven itself more than that already, but speak of it as a foundation on which can be made a standard work among the biographies of those representing the best American life.

[By the Rev. Aaron Titus, Jr., of Weymouth, Mass.]

*Reminiscences of Distinguished Men of Essex County.* Communicated by Hon. NATHAN CROSBY, LL.D. From the Hist. Coll. Essex Inst., vol. xvii. part 2. Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1880. [8vo. pp. 29.]

This paper was read before the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, on the 7th of April last (REGISTER, xxxiv. 318). It was again read on the 19th of the same month before the Essex Institute, and printed in their Collections, from which this reprint is made.

Judge Crosby prefixes to his reminiscences some eloquent remarks upon the pre-eminence of Essex County in the history of this commonwealth. "She is," says he, "our Mecca and our Antioch; our national birth-place and our christening." The reminiscences relate chiefly to three eminent men of about the author's own age, viz.: the Hon. Rufus Choate, the Hon. Caleb Cushing and the Hon. Robert Rantoul, Jr., "born within a few miles of each other, Choate in 1799, Cushing in 1800, and Rantoul in 1805, of parents of about equal condition and position in society." Among the other celebrities with whom Judge Crosby was acquainted and has given interesting recollections here, are Garrison, the anti-slavery leader, Prescott, the historian, Whittier, the poet, Hawthorne, the novelist, Peabody, the benevolent banker, and Miss Hannah F. Gould, the poetess.

*Centennial Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Vermont and the Battle of Bennington, August 15 and 16, 1877.* Westminster—Hubbardton—Windsor. Tuttle & Co., Rutland, Official Printers and Stationers to the State of Vermont. 1879. [8vo. pp. 232.]

The services on the two days named in the title of this book were intended to commemorate the centenaries of two separate events in the history of Vermont; the first, the independence of the state, and the second an important revolutionary battle fought on its soil. The true centenary of the independence of Vermont was

Jan. 17, 1877, that being one hundred years from Jan. 17, 1777, when a convention of the people at Westminster declared Vermont to be "a separate, free and independent jurisdiction or state." It was thought best, however, to combine the two celebrations.

The oration on Vermont day was by Daniel Roberts, Esq., of Burlington, and that on Bennington day by the Rev. Samuel C. Bartlett, D.D., president of Dartmouth College. Both are worthy of the occasion that called them forth. Some of the most eminent men in the nation contributed to the interest of these two days, and their speeches and writings are printed with the above-named orations in this volume. The volume also contains a good account of the Battle of Bennington, by the venerable Hon. Hiland Hall, LL.D., and the proceedings at three local celebrations in 1877, namely, one in Westminster Jan. 15, the centenary of the declaration of independence by Vermont; another at Hubbardton July 7, the centenary of the battle of Hubbardton; and the last at Windsor July 8 and 9, the first day being the centenary of the adoption of the constitution of Vermont. Several fine engravings on steel embellish the volume. The celebration was a credit to the state, and the book is a fitting memorial of it.

*The Writings of Louis Hennepin, Recollect Franciscan Missionary.* By Rev. EDWARD D. NEILL, President of Macalester College. [1880. 8vo. pp. 10.]

The Rev. Mr. Neill, the author of this paper, which was read Sept. 6, 1880, at the monthly meeting of the Department of American History, Minnesota Historical Society, has done much by original research to elucidate the early history of our country. Mr. Neill here shows that Hennepin's first book, "The History of Louisiana," is "a compilation from the writings of others with the interjection of exaggerations." In his "New Discovery" gross falsehoods are pointed out. The authorship of this work has been doubted, but Mr. Neill gives reasons for believing it to be by Hennepin. "Recent doubts," he adds, "can never shear him of his reputation as the author of the 'Nouvelle Découverte,' and nothing has been discovered to change the verdict of two centuries, that Louis Hennepin, Recollect Franciscan, was deficient in christian manhood."

*Catalogue of the Choice and Extensive Law and Miscellaneous Library of the late Hon. Wm. Green, LL.D., Comprising nearly 10,000 Volumes. . . . To be sold by Auction, January 18, 1881. . . . John E. Loughton, Jr., Auctioneer. . . . No. 916 Main Street, Richmond, Va. [8vo. pp. 210.]*

An advertisement of this sale, to which we refer our readers for details, will be found on the cover of this REGISTER. The catalogue, which was prepared under the supervision of R. A. Brock, Esq., corresponding secretary and librarian of the Virginia Historical Society, and a personal friend of the late owner, exhibits care and lucid arrangement. It is a neatly printed book of 210 pages, and in the department of law particularly has special value, as presenting, possibly, a more complete bibliography of the "tortuous science" than has yet appeared, as the library contains many volumes which are said by those well informed, and whose dictum is authority, not to exist elsewhere. The late owner was a profound bibliophile as well as lawyer, and it was his uniform habit to annotate his books, which are thus well freighted with the wealth of his untiring investigations. Many of them are attractive also by reason of past associations, containing as they do memorials of distinguished ownership in England and America, autographs, book-plates, MS. notes, &c.

*Census of Seymour.* 1880. Price 25 cts. Published by W. C. Sharpe, Seymour, Conn. [12mo. pp. 25.]

This pamphlet contains the names of all the residents, male and female, of Seymour, Conn., June 1, 1880, as taken by Mr. Henry Bradley, the United States census enumerator for that town, but without the ages and other particulars. It will be useful to genealogists.

*The Family of Fuller. Some Royal, Noble, and Gentle Descents of the Kerry Branch.* Compiled for his Descendants, by JAMES FRANKLIN FULLER, F.S.A. [Motto.] (Twenty copies only.) Printed at the Private Press of John Wilson, C. E., Ormond Road, Dublin. 1880. [Folio, 33 leaves unpagged.]

*The Jarvis Family; or The Descendants of the First Settlers of the Name in Massachusetts and Long Island, and those who have more recently Settled in Other Parts of the United States and British America.* Collected and Compiled by GEORGE A. JARVIS of New York; GEORGE MURRAY JARVIS of Ottawa, Canada; WILLIAM JARVIS WETMORE of New York; assisted by ALFRED HARDING of Brooklyn, N. Y.

- Hartford: Press of The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company. 1879. [8vo. pp. vii.+350+19. With blank Family Record, 4 leaves appended.]
- Peirce Genealogy, being the Record of the Posterity of John Pers, an Early Inhabitant of Watertown in New England, who came from Norwich, Norfolk County, England; with Notes on the History of other Families of Peirce, Pierce, Pearce, etc.* By FREDERICK CLIFTON PEIRCE, Esq. . . . Worcester: Press of Charles Hamilton, No. 301 Main Street. 1880. [8vo. pp. 278. Price \$4.]
- Memoir of Col. Joshua Fry, sometime Professor in William and Mary College, Virginia, and Washington's Senior in Command of Virginia Forces, 1754, etc. etc.; with an Autobiography of his son, Rev. Henry Fry, and a Census of their Descendants.* By Rev. P. SLAUGHTER, D.D., Author of "History of St. George's Parish." "St. Mark's Parish," "Bristol Parish," etc. etc. [1880. 8vo. pp. 112.]
- Genealogical Memoirs of John Knox and the Family of Knox.* By the Rev. CHARLES ROGERS, LL.D., Historiographer of the Royal Historical Society. . . . London: Printed for the Royal Historical Society. 1879. [8vo. pp. 184.]
- Genealogical Memoirs of the Scottish House of Christie.* Compiled from Family Papers and the Public Record, by the Rev. CHARLES ROGERS, LL.D. . . . London: Printed for the Royal Historical Society. 1878. [8vo. pp. 78.]
- Genealogical Memoirs of the Families of Colt and Coutts.* By the Rev. CHARLES ROGERS, LL.D. . . . London: Printed for the Royal Historical Society. 1879. [8vo. pp. 59.]
- Sharpe Genealogy and Miscellany.* By W. C. SHARPE, Author of the "History of Seymour." Record Print, Seymour, Conn., 1880. [12mo. pp. 178; with portraits, fac-similes and coat-of-arms. Price \$1.50, to be obtained of the author, Seymour, Conn.]
- Some Account of the Clayton Family of Theball, co. Chester; afterwards of St. Dominick's Abbey, Doneraile and Mallow, co. Cork. A Paper read before the Historic Society of Lancashire and Chester, 4th March, 1880.* By J. PAUL RYLANDS, F.S.A., &c. [Seal.] Liverpool: T. Brakell, Printer, 58 Dale Street. 1880. [8vo. pp. 20.]
- The Starkie Family of Pennington and Bedford, in the Parish of Leigh, co. Lancaster. Two Papers.* . . . By J. PAUL RYLANDS, F.S.A. Leigh, Lancashire: 1880. (Not Published.) [8vo. pp. 18.]
- Contributions to the Genealogy of the Burbank and Burbanck Families in the United States.* By G. T. RIDLON. Saco, Me.: From the Press of C. P. Pike. 1880. [8vo. pp. 56.]
- A Genealogy of the Littlehale Family in America from 1633 to 1880.* Collated and Compiled by F. H. LITTLEHALE, of the Eighth Generation. . . . Dallas, Texas: Bolles & Stevens, Mercantile Job Printers. 1880. [8vo. pp. 10.]
- A Memorial of a Respectable and Respected Family, and especially of Joshua Bicknell, Farmer, Representative, Senator, Judge and Eminent Christian Citizen: "The Noblest Roman of them All."* Boston, Mass.: New England Publishing Co., Printers. 1880. [8vo. pp. 32+xvi.]
- The Towne Memorial; Compiled from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Towne Manuscripts, Public and Family Records, for A. F. Towne, Esq., San Francisco, Cal.* By EDWIN HUBBARD. . . . Chicago: Fergus Printing Company. 1880. [8vo. 114+xvi.]
- We continue this quarter our notices of genealogical works recently published.
- The elegant work on the Fuller family, whose title heads our list, consists of thirty tables, giving the descent of the author's children from "royal, noble or gentle" families for several hundred years. Among their ancestors may be named Charlemagne and Alfred the Great. Mr. Fuller has been very successful in tracing these descents, and has displayed them in a clear manner.
- The Jarvis genealogy is a neatly printed work of nearly four hundred pages, with numerous portraits and other illustrations. Among the distinguished persons of this name recorded here are—Edward Jarvis, M.D., the venerable president of the American Statistical Association; William Jarvis, U. S. Consul and chargé d'affaires at Lisbon; the Rt. Rev. Abraham Jarvis, D.D., bishop of Connecticut, and his son the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D.D., LL.D. An index would double the value of the volume.
- The Pierce genealogy is by the author of the History of Grafton, noticed by us in April last (REGISTER, xxxiv. 220). The book seems to be thoroughly prepared.

being precise and full as to names and dates; and is clearly arranged, with good indexes. The volume is handsomely printed, and is illustrated with numerous steel-plate, heliotype and artotype portraits and views. Among the distinguished descendants of John Peirce of Watertown, may be named Gov. John A. Andrew, the Hon. E. Rockwood Hoar, the Hon. George F. Hoar, Prof. Benjamin Peirce of Harvard University, and the Hon. Henry L. Pierce.

The Rev. Dr. Slaughter's book contains much interesting local and general history, as well as the biography and genealogy of the Frys. It is well prepared and well printed.

The three volumes of genealogy by the Rev. Dr. Rogers, of London, are like all his works, models of historical and genealogical research. In the first book, the genealogy of the famous reformer, John Knox, is traced, and his biography fully given. The Scottish families to which the other books are devoted, have a historic record.

The author of the Sharpe genealogy published a work in 1874 on this name which was noticed in the REGISTER (xxxiii. 267). The present work is much enlarged and improved. Among those who have aided the author is Miss Thomasin Elizabeth Sharpe, of Kensington, England, author of "A Royal Descent and other Pedigrees" (REGISTER, xxxi. 349). English genealogy and biography, as well as American, are here given.

Of the two works by Mr. Rylands, the first is a reprint from the "Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire," for the year 1880; and the second is a reprint of two Papers contributed to the "Historical and Genealogical Notes" in the *Leigh Chronicle*. They are valuable additions to the genealogy of the two counties of Lancaster and Chester.

The Rev. Mr. Ridlon's pamphlet is the first work yet published on the Burbank family, and is a valuable "contribution" to its genealogy.

The Littlehale pamphlet gives descendants of Richard Littlehale, an early settler of Rowley. The author, who resides in the state of Texas, deserves much credit for compiling so satisfactory an account of the Littlehales under the disadvantage of distance from his kindred and the records of his family.

The Bicknell genealogy gives the ancestry and descendants of Joshua<sup>6</sup> Bicknell (Joshua,<sup>5</sup> Joshua,<sup>4</sup> Zachariah,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Zachary<sup>1</sup>), with biographical matter. Appended is the pamphlet noticed in July last (REGISTER, xxiv. 234).

The Towne genealogy is by the author of the pamphlet noticed last October (REGISTER, xxiv. 432), but is much enlarged and improved. The manuscript genealogy of this family by the late William B. Towne, Esq., to which Mr. Hubbard acknowledges his indebtedness, ought to be published in full. Mr. Towne spent more or less time for nearly half a century in collecting and arranging his materials, some of which were obtained from persons now dead, and from records which cannot now be found. His work is very full and quite voluminous.

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# BIOGRAPHIC MEMORIALS

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## NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC, GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE committee in charge of the publication of the first volume of biographies of deceased members of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, printed at the cost of the "Towne Memorial Fund," announce that it is completed. It contains biographies of forty-three members, being all who died during the first eight years of the Society's existence, namely, from 1845 to 1852, inclusive. The following is a list of the memorials with their authors :

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career. From the period of his entrance upon manhood, the memoir rests upon the solid basis of historical fact. The following from the *Boston Daily Advertiser*, with omissions and a slight variation to our present purpose, is an unexaggerated description of the work :

“The narrative proceeds with all necessary details from the beginning to the end. The book is written in pure, idiomatic English, and the style is perspicuous, logical and eminently adapted to the subject. A good, trustworthy, circumstantial life of Champlain has been greatly needed. His intimate connection with the early history of New England renders every event in his extraordinary career exceedingly interesting to the historical student. His exploration of our coast stands the first in extent and thoroughness before its permanent settlement by the Pilgrims. If we except the rude general outlines of the early navigators, his maps, both general and local, are the earliest that have survived to the present day. Champlain was three full years on our Atlantic coast. He made himself familiar with the bays, harbors and islands from the straits of Canseau to the Vineyard Sound. The study which Mr. Slafter evidently has given to the subject has enabled him to fix all the localities described by Champlain with a degree of certainty which it would be hazardous to dispute. The maps of the harbors of Gloucester and Plymouth are excellent, particularly when they are executed without measurements or surveys, being sketches made from sight. As they are the earliest representations of those harbors, they are peculiarly interesting to the antiquary and historian. Champlain's landing at Capo Anne, and his interviews with the natives, as also at Gloucester, Nauset and Chatham, are exceedingly engrossing, and will richly repay a perusal. The whole memoir, from the beginning to the end, is replete with historical interest. The annotations are judicious and appropriate, full of valuable learning, always demanded by the text, and never forced upon the attention of the reader where they are not needed. It is but just to say that this scholarly translation of Champlain's Voyages and the annotations and memoir constitute together a rich and most important contribution to the early history of New England.”

With this critique from the *Advertiser* we agree entirely. It is now more than two hundred and seventy-five years since the opening of Champlain's career in America. Until the issue of the present volume, no memoir has appeared worthy of the character and labors of this extraordinary man. Brief notices have found their way into biographical dictionaries and encyclopædias reciting a few prominent facts, but leaving no adequate impression of the wisdom, energy, perseverance and courage of the bold and adventurous navigator. The essay, in the Quebec edition of Champlain's works, by the Abbé Laverdiere, is the best of all these notices. It meets fully the author's design. But it is nevertheless too brief and too general to unfold, as it deserved, the career of its subject. The memoir by Mr. Slafter is full and explicit, and enters into all the interesting and important details which can be gathered from trustworthy history. The plan of the writer seems to have been to weave the events of Champlain's life into a clear and progressive narrative, unbroken from beginning to end, with few and brief comments, leaving the story for the most part to make its own impression on the mind of the reader. He appears to believe, and we think justly, that of such a man as Champlain, the historical student desires chiefly to know what he did, the plan and method of his work, the circumstances which surrounded him, the obstacles which he surmounted and the objects which he achieved, his successes and his failures, all along at the different stages of his career. While this method characterizes the memoir of Champlain from the beginning to the end, the last chapter contains an admirable summing up and estimate of his character, a result to which the author has been led by a comprehensive and discriminative study of his subject. While the careful reader of the memoir must, we think, come to the same conclusions, it is most desirable and convenient to have this compact, judicious and well-authenticated statement of the leading characteristics of his career, by one whose investigation of the subject has been broader and probably more nearly exhaustive than that of any other man living.

In this summary Mr. Slafter points out what he regards as the motives which induced Champlain to engage without hesitation in the perilous wars of the Hurons and their allies against the Iroquois. The conduct of Champlain in this matter has been inexplicable to all former historians. Some have blamed him, some have hesitated, none have offered even a tolerable vindication. But Mr. Slafter shows with plausibility, as all will admit, and as we think conclusively, that Champlain acted from patriotic and christian motives, and with a clear understanding of what he was doing. We commend this discussion to the attention of the reader.

The memoir will be especially valuable to the historian. In close connection with the journals of Champlain, as their proper adjunct and commentary, it gives the fullest and richest early account of the coast of New England, and, in fact, it is the best history which we possess of the French dominion in Canada from the first voyage of Cartier in 1534 to the death of Champlain in 1635. The members of the Prince Society particularly, who are favored with this work, are under great obligation to Mr. Slafter for the conscientious labor and accurate learning with which he has performed his task.

The present volume is embellished with several interesting and important illustrations. The frontispiece is a portrait of Champlain after an old engraving by Moncornet. There is also a second engraving after a portrait by Hamel, which adorns the Parliament House at Ottawa in Canada. A map also accompanies the volume, showing in outline the explorations of Champlain from 1603 to 1615. There is added also, as before stated, Champlain's map of 1632, which is often referred to in the memoir.

The volume is printed at the University Press, Cambridge, by John Wilson and Son, and a finer specimen of the art rarely if ever comes from the American press.

*Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.* By JOHN LANGDON SIBLEY, M.A., Librarian Emeritus of Harvard University, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Member of the Massachusetts and other Historical Societies. Volume II. 1659-1677. [Seal of the University.] Cambridge: Charles William Sever, University Bookstore. 1881. [8vo. pp. viii. and 557. Price \$5.]

It is nearly forty years since Mr. Sibley began to collect materials for this great work, and twenty-two years since he entered upon the task of writing out the first of these sketches. It was not, however, until 1873, after the most careful preparation, and after it had been entirely rewritten, that the first volume was published. It comprised the classes of 1642-1658 inclusive, and formed the subject of a very full notice in the REGISTER for April, 1874 (xxviii. 223).

The second volume, which, after a lapse of eight years, has now made its appearance, contains biographical sketches of one hundred and twenty-three alumni of the college, being all who were graduated from 1659-1677 inclusive, and will prove another lasting monument to the patient and laborious research of its author. It begins with Nathaniel Saltonstall (1659), son of Richard and grandson of Sir Richard Saltonstall, a worthy representative of the only family which has sent seven successive generations, all in the male line, to Harvard College.

The two most famous of the graduates whose lives are told in these pages, are Gov. Joseph Dudley (1665), who, whatever judgment may be passed upon his political career, certainly rendered important services to the college in reviving the charter of 1650, and Chief Justice Samuel Sewall (1671), "great by almost every measure of greatness," and "a visible potentate among men in those days." The Rev. Samuel Willard (1659), vice-president of the college and pastor of the Old South Church in Boston, is the most voluminous author here mentioned, and is said to rank next to Cotton Mather in the number of his publications. His *Compleat Body of Divinity*, the text of which makes 1000 pages, was the largest book up to that time printed here, and the first of divinity in a folio volume. Mr. Sibley has known but one person who had read it carefully. The short life of Caleb Cheeshahteumuck (1665), the only Indian graduate, is accompanied by an interesting note on Indians at the college, the last of whom appears to have been Benjamin Larnell, of the class of 1716, who was fitted for college at the Boston Latin School. Nathaniel Higginson (1670), "the first Governor of Madras on record, who retired from the Presidency without a stain upon his name," died in London in 1708, and was buried in the night in Bow Church, Cheapside.

The troubles of the Rev. James Bayley (1669), the first minister of Salem Village, now Danvers, culminated in a "first-rate parish controversy of the olden times," full details of which Mr. Sibley has given, because the opposition to the minister was the prelude to the terrible tragedy of the Salem witchcraft. His successor, the Rev. George Burroughs (1670), was the most conspicuous victim of this dreadful delusion, and the speech and prayer made by him at his execution were so affecting that it was feared that the spectators would interfere and prevent the carrying out of his sentence. But Cotton Mather, mounted upon a horse, addressed the people to persuade them of his guilt, and the executions went on. "When he was cut down, he was dragged by the halter to a hole, or grave, between the rocks, about two

Foot deep, his Shirt and Breeches being pulled off, and an old pair of Trousers of one Executed, put on his lower parts, he was so put in, together with *Willard* and *Carrier*, one of his Hands and his Chin, and a foot of one of them being left uncovered." He left a widow and helpless children, one of whom, Jeremiah, is said to have been made insane by this barbarous treatment of his father. The Rev. Nicholas Noyes (1667), *Malleus hæreticis, ceteris salutor sanctis*, bore a prominent part in the witchcraft persecutions, and Upham says that "he more than any other inhabitant of the town was responsible for the blood that was shed."

The Rev. Samuel Treat (1669), of Eastham, a Calvinist of the strictest sort, left behind a volume of sermons from which an extract is given. After reading this it is easy to believe the statement that the effect on his hearers was most alarming, and that one innocent young man was "so frightened with one of his dreadful pictures of the infernal regions as nearly to be deprived of his senses." The voice of the preacher was so loud that it "could be heard at a great distance from the meeting house, even amidst the shrieks of hysterical women and the winds that howled over the plains of Nauset." Cotton Mather calls him "the most Active Mr. *Samuel Treat* laying out himself to save this Generation."

The sketch of the Rev. Edward Taylor (1671) contains a very interesting account of his journey in November, 1671, from Cambridge to Westfield on the Connecticut River, "the desperate journey that ever Connecticut men vndertook," and gives a vivid picture of the discomforts and dangers of travelling in the early days. John Foster (1667), the ingenious mathematician and printer, was the first printer in Boston, and his gravestone "is one of the most elaborately chiselled monuments of its time in the country." The Rev. John Wise, of Ipswich (1673), "the most powerful and brilliant prose writer produced in this country during the colonial time," the author of the *Churches Quarrel Espoused*, and the first opponent of taxation without representation in America, ought not to be forgotten.

Mr. Sibley in his preface alludes to the discouragements and difficulties under which he has labored, not the least of which was an almost total loss of sight, which would have been sufficient to completely dishearten any other man, and closes with these pathetic words: "That I shall live to write a third volume is improbable; but as material for the continuation of these Biographical Sketches there will remain a large number of bound volumes of manuscript letters, obituary notices, references, and memoranda, to relieve from a vast amount of wearisome toil any who may be disposed to go on with them. This material is the fruit of laborious research and painstaking arrangement during the greater part of a long life, and may perchance serve still to connect me with the work as a silent contributor." Notwithstanding this the reader will indulge the hope that the life of the author may be spared, and that he may be enabled to bring down these interesting and valuable sketches at least to the year 1700.

[By John T. Hassam, A. M., of Boston.]

*The New Englander* [Bi-Monthly. \$4 per annum. William L. Kingsley, Publisher and Proprietor, New Haven, Conn.]

This able review has long been the representative of the higher and better type of New England thought, scholarship, culture and religious force. It was established in 1843, and in its published volumes from that time to the present may be found one of the very best existing monuments of theological and practical christian study, during the long period which their record embraces. In 1861 an index of the first twenty volumes of the review was published, and an examination of its 150 pages shows not only the wealth of topics discussed, but an assembly of the ripest scholars and most distinguished writers, as its contributors. This list includes the names of Leonard Bacon, Albert Barnes, Charles Beecher, Horace Bushnell, Theodore L. Cuyler, J. D. Dana, George E. Day, Henry M. Dexter, S. W. S. Dutton, Timothy Dwight, Bela B. Edwards, Henry M. Field, George P. Fisher, William L. Gage, Daniel C. Gilman, Samuel Harris, Edward Hitchcock, Enoch Pond, Noah Porter, James P. Thompson, W. D. Whitney, Theodore D. Woolsey, and scores of others hardly less distinguished. In the treatment of subjects, no leading matter that has occupied the realms of theology, literature and politics, during this long period, has failed to receive treatment. The discussions have been learned, able and readable, have dealt with living topics rather than past issues, and borne upon human conduct and character more than upon the traditional problems of the schools. There has been no lack of sound and strong thought, and no real defect in orthodoxy, but the main point in treatment has been to infuse all the great themes with life and spirit. Aside from the discussion of grave theological questions—and the

*New Englander* has always represented the "new school," or that broad and free type of New England theology, in which its tone has been that of the new and best life of our generation in religion—important practical discussions have also had a leading place, those especially which have borne upon national issues; while unusual attention has been paid to the world of men and things as it is to-day, in the lives and the literature which represent our best progress. On this account the past volumes of the *New Englander* have a permanent value, and are hardly less interesting than the current issues. A new bi-monthly series was commenced in 1878, retaining all the vigor of the earlier years, and dealing with all topics in a manly, catholic spirit. A set of the *New Englander* could not fail to be a mine of rich information and suggestion to the thoughtful reader, to students of theology, and to critics of religious thought and development.

[By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq., of Augusta, Me.]

*The Origin and Development of Local Self-Government in New England and the United States. An Address* by JAMES M. BUGBEE. Read before the Annual Meeting of the American Social Science Association in Boston, 14th January, 1880. Boston: A. Williams & Co. 1880. [8vo. pp. 39.]

*A Study of Municipal Government in Massachusetts.* By FRANCIS J. PARKER. Boston: C. W. Calkins & Co. 1881. [8vo. pp. 24.]

Both of these books are worthy of careful perusal at the present time. They do not pretend to exhaust the subject. No one has attempted to write the history of municipal government, and it is a question whether a book of this kind would compensate an author for the research and labor necessary to its production; but a monograph of this nature should be read by all who are interested in local history, as it gives in a half an hour's reading, what has been and what ought to be. In the former pamphlet is portrayed the gradual growth of the system of town government from the earliest time to the present day—from the Anglo-Saxon mark to the town meeting at Hull. The gradual growth Mr. Bugbee has vividly portrayed, and his important subject has received the treatment of one who loves to delve in the manners and customs of the past, and who fully appreciates and sets forth the political sagacity of the fathers of New England.

Mr. Parker, before he reaches Massachusetts, also indulges in a retrospect, and gives us a historical sketch of the growth of towns and cities from a different standpoint, though not generally at variance with Mr. Bugbee's synopsis; but Mr. Parker goes further. He shows the corruption that has in the course of years crept into our cities, the indifference of voters to their duties, the formation of rings, and suggests certain remedies which he deems efficacious, and which would render our municipal government more respectable and respected. The great rage to become cities which has taken possession of our country towns should not be encouraged; but if cities they must become, let the petitioners see to it that the recommendations suggested as to the granting of charters be adopted. Mr. Parker closes with these significant words: "No reform of municipal government in this commonwealth can be satisfactory except one based upon the separation of executive and legislative functions; and none will be thoroughly effective which does not reduce each of those functions to be a unity in itself."

[By Daniel T. V. Huntorn, Esq., of Canton, Mass.]

*History of the Town of Goshen, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, from its First Settlement in 1761 to 1881, with Family Sketches.* By HIRAM BARRUS. Boston: Published by the Author. 1881. [8vo. pp. 262.]

The value of a local history is growing more and more to be appreciated by citizens in the ancient towns by the coast, and by those new founded ones on the frontier. Town histories are being written with greater care and pains. And this is as it should be. The communities of America have a peculiar history, different from any other nation. A history of the more ancient parts evidences the growing national life and the imbedding of the great national idea of self-government. The history before us is one of an interior town of Massachusetts—one of those quiet, staid towns which have been the means of preserving the true New England character. It is but a century old, yet its history is worthy. Mr. Barrus has done his work well. He began several years ago by contributing historical articles to the *Hampshire Gazette*, Northampton; and from these have grown this well-put-together account of the town. On the 14th of May, 1881, the centennial of its incorporation as a town was duly celebrated. The committee in charge invited Mr. Barrus to de-

liver the address, and also to prepare the volume before us. That the book has faults the author will himself admit. Every book of this kind could be revised with profit within ten years. The cost of preparing a local history is great, more than the uninitiated realize, and when published its sale is limited; so that the best method of securing a trustworthy volume is by direct appropriation from the town. The work then should be executed by one who is every way competent, or by a committee selected for the purpose. There are enough poor local histories, and it is such works as the one under review which inspire hope within the minds of those who delight in the study of American history. The genealogy of the town occupies considerable space, as it ought; a fuller account could have been given of business thrift, of the original land grants, of the highways, schools, churches, and of the town in the civil war. Nevertheless, towns may consider themselves fortunate if they secure the labors of so painstaking an author as Mr. BARRA. The volume has an excellent index. A map would add to its value.

[By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., of Weymouth, Mass.]

*Society of the Army of the Cumberland, Twelfth Reunion, Toledo, Ohio, 1880. Published by order of the Society. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co., 1880. [8vo. pp. 239.]*

The "literature of the Rebellion," voluminous enough at the close of the war, swells with each succeeding year to a greater and greater volume. The species of publications of which the above may be taken as a type, is an illustration of the way in which the active participants in the contest, on both sides, are preparing most valuable materials for the future historian of the war. A noticeable feature of this and other similar volumes is the series of biographical sketches of deceased members. The present volume contains (p. 147-206) sketches of eight well known officers deceased; among them Gen. J. C. DAVIS and Gen. HOOKER.

[By William E. Foster, A.M., of Providence, R. I.]

*Indian Names of Places, etc., in and on the Borders of Connecticut: with Interpretations of some of them. By J. HAMMOND TRUMBULL. Hartford: 1881. [8vo. pp. 12-93. 250 copies printed.]*

There are yet a few departments of study which even the ever-widening current of general culture has left virtually in the hands of one or two men. The study of the Indian dialects of this country is a case in point; and most readers will prefer to be instructed on this point by Dr. Trumbull rather than by any one else who may be named. This volume is of course valuable from the philological point of view, but also from its incidental association with New England local history; and one can but wish that Dr. Trumbull had made its scope coextensive with New England rather than with the small part of it indicated in the title. The reason for this limit, however, appears from the preface. The reader will not need to be reminded that memoranda of great value relating to Indian names of places were to be found in the foot-notes to Roger Williams's "Key into the Language of America," edited by Dr. Trumbull in 1866 for the "Publications of the Narragansett Club, v. 1." It is noticeable, by the way, that in his "Editor's preface" to his earlier notes he uniformly spells this name (Narragansett) with two t's, though in his notes (see p. 23) he would seem to indicate that the Indian form is more closely reproduced with one t. In this later volume he uniformly spells it with one t, as he does also in his communication to the *Nation* of August 4, 1881 (p. 93), where he discusses an interesting question relating to abstract conceptions in Indian names.

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*Pennsylvania in the War of the Revolution, Battalions and Lines. 1775-1783. Edited by JOHN BLAIR LINN and WILLIAM H. EGLE, M.D. Volume II. Harrisburg: Lane S. Hart, State Printer, 1880. [8vo. pp. 805.]*

A continuation of the valuable contribution to history, prepared from the archives of the state of Pennsylvania, noticed in the April number of the REGISTER [xxxv. 203]. This volume, like the first, is illustrated with maps of battle-fields and their approaches, portraits of distinguished commanders, a picture of the celebrated banner of Count Pulaski, made for him by the Moravian nuns of Bethlehem (the subject of a beautiful poem by Longfellow), fac-similes of autographs, and in addition a copy of the original subscription of the members of the Pennsylvania State Society of the Cincinnati in 1783. A representation of the ancient halberd, used as late as the Revolution, is also given on page 501. The rosters and rolls of the remaining regiments, battalions and unattached companies are here completed as

far as was possible. The larger portion of the volume is made up of orderly-books and diaries of some of the regiments, and lists of Pennsylvania pensioners. The diary of the revolt of the Pennsylvania Line in January, 1781, is one of the most important features of the volume. It is prepared from the diary of Capt. Joseph McClellan of the Ninth Regiment.

It is scarcely necessary to add any further testimony to what has been already written concerning the great merit of this important work. The patience, care, industry and accuracy displayed in the compilation are evident in every page. Nor can its value as a basis of history, as a reference book or as a labor-saving medium to those who would otherwise be obliged to consult the original records, illegible, defaced and mutilated as such materials usually are, be too highly estimated. A victory has here been gained over the ravages of time and the devastations of other destroying agents. There has been rescued from decay and preserved in a compact and well arranged form, material which may be always consulted without difficulty or trouble; and the records of the various organizations themselves are interesting reading matter to those historical students who desire to examine further into the details of a period which seldom fails to awaken the patriotism and excite the admiration of every right-minded American citizen.

Nor is the example thus set by the state of Pennsylvania in preparing her archives for publication less worthy of note and of imitation by her sister states. Massachusetts in any grave emergency has never shown hesitation in *making* history, but has always seemed backward in *printing* it; and it is to be hoped that these thoroughly compiled volumes, so neat and handy in their construction, may help to stimulate the old Bay State to come into line with its printed records. Meanwhile it should be the desire of all who are interested in such works, that the laborious and painstaking efforts of the compilers of the work under notice shall meet with what they so eminently deserve—a just appreciation and regard.

[By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of Boston.]

*Minnesota Explorers and Pioneers from A.D. 1659 to A.D. 1858.* By the Rev. EDWARD DUFFIELD NEILL, President of Macalester College. . . . Minneapolis: North Star Publishing Company. 1881. [4to. pp. 128.]

In 1858 the Rev. Mr. Neill published his "History of Minnesota," and his latest work, now before us, illustrates the history of that state. In the twenty-three years between the issue of the two publications, Mr. Neill has added much to the historical literature of our country, by his "English Colonization of America," "Virginia Company of London," "Fairfaxes of England and America," "Terra Marise," "Founders of Maryland," etc., in which he shows much research and critical acumen.

The present work gives a history of the "explorers and pioneers" of Minnesota from the first visit of white men in 1659, to the admission of that state into the union in 1859. The first visitors to that region were French traders and missionaries, and these were the only persons who visited it for a long period. Of these the author gives full and particular details. After them came the exploring expeditions, fitted out by order of the United States, whose army established forts here: then followed the Protestant missionaries, and finally the later settlers, who have built beautiful cities and villages where so recently was a wilderness.

Mr. Neill deserves much praise for the good work he has done in gathering together and preserving here the early history of a young and enterprising state.

*An Account of Gen. Lafayette's Visit to Virginia in the Years 1824-'25.* . . . By ROBERT D. WARD. Richmond: West, Johnston & Co., Richmond, Va. 1881. [8vo. pp. 136. Price 50 cents. Address the publishers, 911 Main Street, Richmond.]

This is issued as a "Yorktown Centennial Volume." It is natural to suppose that now, when people are preparing for the great national celebration of the centenary of the surrender of Cornwallis's army at Yorktown, an interest should be felt in the life of Gen. Lafayette, who bore so prominent a part in the remarkable siege which ended in a victory to our arms.

Mr Ward has done a good service in compiling this account of Lafayette's reception on his second visit to this country, in that Virginia where he won his early laurels. The book, which is "compiled from the newspapers of the period and other sources," contains "full and circumstantial reports of his receptions in Washington, Alexandria, Mount Vernon, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Norfolk, Richmond, Petersburg, Goochland, Fluvanna, Monticello, Charlottesville, Gordonsville, Orange



Court House, Fredericksburg, Leesburg, University of Virginia, Culpepper, Fauquier, and his departure from the United States, with a portrait of Gen. Lafayette, photographed from his bust, by Houdon, in the capitol of Virginia."

*Early Suffolk Deeds.* By JOHN T. HASSAM, A.M. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers. 1881. [8vo. pp. 17.]

*Boston Taverns. With some Suggestions on the Proper Mode of Indexing the Public Records.* By JOHN T. HASSAM, A.M. . . . Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1880. [8vo. pp. 14.]

The value of the deeds preserved in our county registries, as materials of history and genealogy, will be admitted by those who have examined the first book of Suffolk Deeds, recently given to the public in print by the city of Boston, or have read Mr. Woodbury's review of that volume in the last REGISTER. Abstracts of some of the early records in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds, preserving valuable information, are given in the first pamphlet whose title is found above. Some of them have before been communicated by Mr. Hassam to the REGISTER (xxxii. 181-3; xxxv. 248-53). The Letters Patent of Denization, from Liber xiv. folio 212, is printed in full, and is a very valuable document for the genealogist.

The next pamphlet, on Boston Taverns, is reprinted from the REGISTER for July, 1877, October, 1879, and January, 1880. It contains accounts of The Castle Tavern, at the corner of what is now Battery March street and Liberty square; another Castle Tavern at what is now the corner of Dock square and Elm street, and the King's Arms in Dock square, not far from the last named Castle Tavern. Much of the local and genealogical history of Boston, gleaned from deeds and other sources, is here preserved.

Mr. Hassam in the last pamphlet calls attention to the insufficiency of the present indexes in the registries of probate and deeds, and gives some excellent suggestions for improving them.

*The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia. Old and New Style, Fixed Dates, Calendars and the Principles and Results of Emendations. A Paper read before the Society Feb. 3d, 1881.* By JOHN R. BAKER. [Society's Seal.] Philadelphia: Printed for the Society. 1881. [8vo. pp. 16.]

*Coburn's Almanacs for Three Thousand Years. Extending from the Year 1 A.D. to the Year 3000 A.D.* Carefully compiled from the valuable work of Augustus D. Morgan, with Additions. Boston: Coburn Brothers [15 Water Street]. 1881. [Sq. 16mo. pp. 40. Price 25 cts.]

Mr. Baker's pamphlet contains valuable and interesting information concerning Old and New Style. It was occasioned by the proposed celebration of the bicentenary of the first landing of William Penn in Pennsylvania, October 29, 1682, concerning which a question arose as to the day that should be celebrated. There are two days on which it would be proper to celebrate this event, and only two, namely, the old style date October 29, and the new style date November 8.

The old style date is generally, if not always, used in England. Thus the tercentenary of Shakspeare's birth was commemorated in England April 23, 1864, and not May 3. For the sake of uniformity the same day was celebrated in this country as in England. (REGISTER, xviii. 310.) After the change of style in 1752, a custom grew up in this country which does not seem to have obtained, at least to the same extent, in England, of reducing people's birth days to new style. Thus the birthday of Washington, Feb. 11, 1732, was reduced to new style, Feb. 22, and this day is now celebrated by us. This custom seems to have influenced the Old Colony Club in 1769 in fixing the day for celebrating the Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. This event occurred December 11, 1620. The members of the club added 11 days (it should have been 10 days only) to reduce the date to new style, and celebrated the anniversary Dec. 22, 1769 (REGISTER, iv. 367). Their example of celebrating events in new style dates has generally been followed in New England. The 29th of October, 1682, old style, corresponded to November 8, 1682, new style. Had an event occurred on that day in France or any other country using new style, and that event been annually celebrated by them to the present time, we should still find the people there celebrating the event on the 8th of November. That is the day which should be celebrated here for the anniversary of Penn's landing, if a new style date is wanted.

The "Almanacs for Three Thousand Years" is a very handy book. It resembles somewhat in its plan Shurtleff's "Perpetual Calendar," printed privately in 1848, and again in 1851; but in the book before us the tabular calendars are numbered,

while Dr. Shurtleff's calendars are designated by dominical letters. The years in old style from A.D. 1 to 1752, and in new style from A.D. 1582 to 3000, are given by the Messrs. Coburn. They prefix a clear and brief account of old and new styles.

*The Fifth Half Century of the Arrival of John Winthrop at Salem, Massachusetts. Commemorative Exercises by the Essex Institute, June 22, 1880.* . . . Salem: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1880. [8vo. pp. 64.]

*Our Trees in Winter.* By JOSHUA ROBINSON. [Salem, 1880. 8vo. pp. 16.]

*The Life and Services to Literature of Jones Very. A Memorial Meeting [of the Essex Institute] Dec. 14, 1880.* . . . Salem: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1881. [8vo. pp. 35.]

We give above the titles of three recent publications of the Essex Institute, reprinted from their periodicals, the first from their *Collections* and the other two from their *Bulletin*.

The quarter millenary of the arrival of Gov. Winthrop in the Arbella at Salem, June 12-23, 1630, was celebrated last summer, by the Institute. An historical address was delivered by Robert S. Rantoul, Esq., and a poem by Miss Lucy Larcom was read. Remarks were also made by Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, a descendant of the first minister of Salem, the Hon. G. Washington Warren, the Hon. George B. Loring, Gen. Henry K. Oliver and Seth Low, Esq. Extracts from letters from John G. Whittier, the Hon. Robert O. Winthrop, the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, and other distinguished gentlemen were read. The day celebrated was also the birth day of the late Rev. William Bentley, D.D., one of the "most devoted antiquaries and historical scholars" of Salem. A tribute to his memory by Stanley Waters, Esq., was read. The literary exercises on this occasion were all of a high order.

Mr. Robinson's paper contains some interesting information concerning our New England trees in winter.

The Institute paid a fitting tribute to their townman, Jones Very, the poet, by a memorial meeting, the proceedings at which are now before us. Mr. Silsbee, the principal speaker, gives a keen and critical review of the writings of the American and English poets, not very flattering to our national vanity. Many will hesitate before assenting to some of his sweeping assertions.

*Memoir of William H. Y. Hackett.* By FRANK W. HACKETT. With Selections from his Writings. Privately Printed. Portsmouth: 1879. [8vo. pp. 156. With Index and Portrait.]

The author of this tribute to the memory of an honored father selects from that father's own writings the following motto to guide him in fulfilling his self-imposed task: "It is *what* a man has been, not *where* he has been, that really interests and instructs us. It is the history of his mind and heart, and not a chronicle of the accidents that befel him, that produces good."

Guided by this rule the author has given the "record of a long, happy and eminently useful life." He has produced an interesting and valuable work.

The Hon. William H. Y. Hackett was a prominent lawyer in Portsmouth, N. H., who died a few years ago. A biographical sketch by the author of this book was published in the REGISTER for January, 1879. A more detailed memoir is here given. Appended to it are obituary sketches, published soon after Mr. Hackett's death, by the Rev. James De Normandie, of Portsmouth, and the late John Scribner Janness, Esq., of New York city; also the proceedings of Rockingham bar on the occasion of his decease.

The selections from his fugitive productions show clearly the strength of his mind and his capabilities as a writer.

*Report of the Committee on the Town Seal, and Report of the Committee on Naming the Streets of Canton.* Canton: Printed by William Bense. 1881. [8vo. pp. 35.]

The two committees of the town of Canton, whose reports are here printed, have shown excellent judgment in fulfilling the duties assigned them by the town. Both have sought to perpetuate the history of Canton.

The committee on the seal have devised one to keep in mind the successive corporate names under which its inhabitants have lived. A triple-towered castle, from the seal of Dorchester, whence it was transferred from the seal of its English namesake, represents the mother town, now merged in the city of Boston; the arms of Lt. Gov. Stoughton, for whom the town was named, represent Stoughton; and a

Canton azure represents the name it now bears; while the inscriptions "Ponkipog, 1650," gives its Indian name and the date of its earliest mention, and "Canton, 1797," gives its present name and the date of its incorporation.

The committee on naming the streets of this town have acted on the advice of the Rev. James Freeman Clarke, who says: "The names of streets should not be selected for their pretty sound, but as memorials of the past." The names chosen seem to be in good taste.

*The Record. First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N. J.* [8vo. published monthly, pp. 8 each number. Subscription price 50 cents in advance; 75 cents after June. Address, Editor of the Record, Lock box 44, Morristown, N. J. Copies of vol. i. for 1880, complete, for sale, price 75 cents.]

In the REGISTER for July, 1880 (xxxiv. 341) this publication was noticed. It contains historical matters relating to the First Presbyterian Church in Morristown, New Jersey, with copies of its record of members, marriages, baptisms and deaths. One volume, for the year 1880, has been completed, and the ninth number (September, 1881) of the second volume has been issued. Much local history and genealogy are here preserved, and we commend the work to the patronage of our readers.

*The Hammatt Papers. No. 2. (Printed from the MS. in the Public Library.)* [Portrait of Hammatt.] *The Early Inhabitants of Ipswich, Mass. 1633-1700.* By ABRAHAM HAMMATT. 1854. Ipswich Antiquarian Papers: Augustine Caldwell, Arthur W. Dowe. 1881. [8vo. pp. 40 (53-92). Price 25 cents a number. Address Arthur W. Dowe, P. O. Box 157, Ipswich, Mass.]

*Antiquarian Papers.* Ipswich, Mass. [Sm. 4to. Nos. VI. to XXII., each 4 pp. March, 1880, to August, 1881. Published monthly, the Rev. Augustine Caldwell, editor. Price 25 cents a year. Address Arthur W. Dowe, as above.]

The two serials whose titles are given above, are intended to preserve materials for the history and genealogy of the town of Ipswich, Massachusetts. From the early settlers of this ancient town, descendants will probably be found in every state of the union.

The first number of the Hammatt Papers was issued last year (see REG. xxxiv. 339). The papers consist of the Ipswich genealogical collections of the late Abraham Hammatt, a painstaking antiquary, who died in 1854. His papers are deposited in the public library at Ipswich. They have been much used while in manuscript by genealogists, and a good service is done by printing them and making them useful to a wider circle of investigators.

The early numbers of the "Antiquarian Papers" were noticed in January and April, 1880 (REGISTER, xxxiv. 119, 230). The later numbers are of equal interest and value. They are illustrated by views of old buildings, portraits, coats-of-arms, etc. The numbers for 1880 complete the first volume, and eight numbers of the second volume have been issued.

*Personal Experiences of the Chancellorsville Campaign.* By HORATIO ROGERS (late Colonel Second Rhode Island Volunteers, Brevet Brigadier General U.S.V.). Providence: N. Bangs Williams & Co. 1881. [Fcp. 4to. pp. 33. Price 50 cts. to non-subscribers.]

*The Battle of Cedar Mountain. A Personal View, August 9, 1862.* By the Rev. FREDERIC DENISON, A.M. (formerly Chaplain of First Rhode Island Cavalry). Providence: N. Bangs Williams & Co. 1881. [Fcp. 4to. pp. 45. Price 50 cts. to non-subscribers.]

These are the two last issues of "Personal Narratives of Events in the War of the Rebellion, being papers read before the Rhode Island Soldiers' and Sailors' Historical Society." They form numbers nine and ten of that valuable series. Like the previous issues noticed in the REGISTER, they contain much interesting matter concerning events in the late war for the preservation of the union, which but for this mode of publication would have been lost.

*Abraham Lincoln: a Paper read before the Royal Historical Society, London, June 16th, 1881.* By ISAAC N. ARNOLD, President of the Chicago Historical Society and Honorary Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, London. Chicago: Fergus Printing Company, 1881.

Mr. Arnold is the author of the "History of Abraham Lincoln and the Overthrow of American Slavery," published several years ago, and therefore is familiar

with the life of the "martyred President," and well qualified to speak to the citizens of the "mother country" on the character of Abraham Lincoln and his eminent services at the helm of national affairs during the war for the preservation of the union. We have here an interesting and reliable sketch of President Lincoln's life.

Mr. Arnold is also the author of a *Life of Benedict Arnold*, noticed in the REGISTER for January, 1880 (xxxiv. 109-10).

*Guide to Richmond and the Battle-Fields.* By W. D. CHESTERMAN. [Seal of the city.] Richmond: Printed by James E. Goode. 1881. [18mo. pp. 66.]

This guide-book to Richmond and its vicinity will be found very useful. Information concerning objects of interest is given clearly and concisely. It is illustrated with views of buildings, monuments, etc., and a plan of the battle-fields between the union and confederate armies around the city. Descriptions of the several battles are also given.

*Poems.* By C. D. BRADLEE, Pastor of the Church at Harrison Square, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass. Third Series. 1881. [18mo. pp. 56.]

These five and fifty effusions of the Rev. Mr. Bradlee serve to show that sentiment is not dormant with him. In parish and pulpit and with the pen he is active. The poems here collected as a third series, are on various subjects, in words expressive of congratulation and sympathy for the living, and recollections hallowed of the departed. Birth day, marriage and other anniversaries, the seasons, devotional and moral subjects, furnished topics for thought. Many of these had been previously sent to personal friends, and his kindness of heart has made them public.

[By William B. Trask, Esq., of Boston.]

*The Boston Directory, containing the City Record, a Directory of the Citizens, and a Business Directory. No. 77. For the Year commencing July 1, 1881.* Boston: Sampson, Davenport and Company, 155 Franklin Street. Price Five Dollars. [8vo. pp. 1484. With Map.]

The Boston Directory continues to be at the head of the city directories in the United States, as to the fulness and variety of information which it contains, and its convenience for use. The number of the names of residents and people doing business in Boston contained in this volume, is 150,493, showing an increase of 7,353. The names of 1,451 persons who have died or removed from the city since the last issue are also given. The changes have been 107,401 in the total of 150,493. This shows the necessity of annual issues, as over seventy per cent. of last year's directory is now practically worthless for reference.

*Additions and Corrections for "A Royal Descent, with other Pedigrees and Memorials."* By THOMAS ELIZABETH SHARPE. Forty Copies. London: Mitchell and Hughes, 140 Wardour Street, W. 1881. [Royal 4to. pp. viii.+44.]

*Inquiries relating to the Ancestors and Descendants of Job Whipple of Cumberland, Rhode Island, and Greenwich, Washington County, New York.* Compiled and Published by FRANK V. McDONALD, Harvard Law Student, Cambridge, Mass. Cambridge: University Press, John Wilson & Son. 1881. 4to. pp. 46.]

*Fourth and Last Supplement to Notices of the Ellises of England, Scotland and Ireland, from the Conquest to the Present Time, including the Families of Alis, Fitz. Elys, Helles, etc.* By WILLIAM SMITH ELLIS, Esq., of Charlwood, co. Surrey. [Arms.] London: Mitchell and Hughes. 1881. Price Half-a-Guinea. [8vo. 192 pp. To be had of the Author. Post-office orders to be made payable at Crawley, Sussex, England.]

*A Genealogical Account of Henry Silsbee and some of his Descendants.* By JAMES A. EMERTON, M.D. . . . Salem: Essex Institute. 1881. [8vo. pp. 71.]

*The Sankey Pedigrees.* (Printed for Private Circulation.) . . . Swansea: Printed at the "Cambrian" Office, Wind Street. 1880. [8vo. 40 pp.]

*The Titus Family in America. Three Generations.* By the Rev. ANSON TITUS, Jr., Weymouth, Mass. [New York: 1881. Royal 8vo. pp. 8.]

*Notes and Queries concerning the Hassam and Hilton Families.* By JOHN T. HASSAM, A.M. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1880. [8vo. pp. 12.]

*The Coffin Family. The Life of Tristram Coffin of Nantucket, Mass., Founder of the family line in America; together with Reminiscences and Anecdotes of his Numerous Descendants, and Some Historical Information concerning the Ancient Families named Coffyn.* Nantucket: Published by Hussey & Robinson. 1881. [8vo. pp. 64.]

*Family History of Sir Curtis M. Lampson, Baronet, and his Wife, Lady Jane Walter Lampson of London, England.* [By] J. W. WRIGHT [of] Kalamazoo, Michigan, U. S. Pease & Son, Printers, Kalamazoo. [8vo. pp. 14.]

*A Few Genealogical Items connected with the Family descended from William Clark, one of the Original Settlers of Haddam, Conn.; especially in the line of Ebenezer Clark, who from 1753 to 1800 lived in Washington, Conn.* [New York: 1880. 8vo. pp. 11.]

"A Royal Descent," by Miss Sharpe, the supplement to which is now before us, was noticed in the REGISTER for July, 1877 (xxxi. 349). One of the families in that volume was that of Stubbs, and a large part of the present work consists of letters from members of the Stubbs family of Beckbury Hall, Salop, and their friends, between the years 1753 and 1768. About one hundred of these letters were accidentally found at Derby Bank in 1880, twenty-seven of which are here printed. Besides their genealogical use, they are valuable in showing the manners, the customs and the literary acquirements of people of good social position at that period. Additional matter relating to other families will also be found here. The two books bear evidence of thorough and judicious research.

The book on the Whipple genealogy is by Mr. McDonald, of Cambridge, the author of the genealogical works on the McDonald and Peter families noticed in the April REGISTER (xxv. 207). Like those books, the one before us is brought out in an elegant style. It is embellished with fine portraits of Dr. Robert H. McDonald, of San Francisco, and his wife. The author has printed here much material concerning the Whipple family of Rhode Island. The genealogy begins with Job, born March 30, 1749. Whether he was a descendant of Capt. John, the early generations of whose descendants are given in the REGISTER, xxxii. 403-7, does not appear. The christian name Job occurs frequently in that family.

The "Notices of the Ellises," of which the fourth Supplement is before us, was originally issued in four numbers, the first published in March, 1857, the second in September, 1862, the third in March, 1864, and the fourth in March, 1866. With the last number a table of contents was given. The "Notices" and Supplements 1 and 2 were noticed in the REGISTER for July, 1872 (xxvi. 36). Supplement 3 was noticed April, 1876 (xxx. 262). Appended to the fourth Supplement, issued May, 1881, are indexes to the "Notices" (300 pages) and the four supplements, or vol. 2 (340 pages). These 740 pages contain a vast amount of genealogical matter relating to the various families of Ellis. The author proposes to commence a new series. No. I. "will contain about 200 pages, and be issued to subscribers at half-a-guinea a copy. Those who may be disposed to encourage this project are requested to send their names to the Author; and if the encouragement is sufficient to defray the expense of printing, the work may be completed in about six months."

The Silsbee genealogy is by Dr. Emmerton, of Salem, whose researches in England in connection with his friend Henry F. Waters, Esq., were printed by the Essex Institute, under the title of "Gleanings from English Records about New England Families" (REGISTER, xxxiv. 422). The work is full as to details and precise as to dates, and is well compiled in every respect. It has a good index.

The "Sankey Pedigrees" consist of "Memories of the Family of Sankey, A.D. 1207-1880 . . . from the Genealogical Collections of Clement Sankey. Clement Sankey Best-Gardner is the name of one individual Best-Gardner of Eaglesbush, Neath." There are 24 tabular pedigrees of the various families of this name. The work evidently has cost much research. Capt. Best-Gardner, from whose manuscripts it is printed, has in his collection pedigrees of many other families connected with this.

The Titus genealogy gives only three generations of that family, but is very thorough in respect to the families which come within that limit, as might be expected from so persevering a genealogist as the author is known to be. It is reprinted from the April number of the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.

The pamphlet on the Hassam and Hilton families consists of several articles on those families reprinted from the REGISTER, an article on "Manchester and its Historians," reprinted from the *Salem Gazette*, besides some matter which has never

before appeared in print. Mr. Hassam is a very accurate and painstaking investigator, as our readers know, and these articles show his characteristics.

The Coffin pamphlet, except a few pages of genealogy, is devoted to the other matters named in the title-page. Much that will interest those bearing this name is collected here.

The pamphlet on the ancestry of Sir Curtis M. Lampson, Baronet, and his wife, both natives of New England, is by an early contributor to the REGISTER (see vol. iv. p. 355). The present work shows that thirty years and more have not lessened his interest or skill in such matters.

The pamphlet on the descendants of William Clark, of Haddam, Ct., was printed for family circulation only. It is by Salter S. Clark, Esq., a graduate of Yale College, now a practising attorney in New York city. It has evidently been prepared with great care, and is a valuable addition to family history. We are glad to learn that he intends to continue his genealogical researches.

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*King's Mountain and its Heroes: History of the Battle of King's Mountain, October 7, 1780, and the events which led to it.* By LYMAN C. DRAPER. Cincinnati: Peter G. Thomson. 1881. [8vo. pp. 619. Price \$4. Published by subscription.]

Of the various campaigns of the revolution, nearly all have had more space devoted to them in history than those conducted in the southern states. Campaigns, indeed, these latter can scarcely be called, so destitute were they of systematic organization and continuous plan; and they are well summarized in Greene's letter of May 1, 1781, to Washington, where he says: "We fight, get beat, and fight again." The King's Mountain battle was fought before Gen. Greene's transfer to the southern department, and is a thoroughly representative engagement. Important as this victory undoubtedly was, its isolated position, with no direct connection with other movements of the war, deprives it of much of the historical significance which might otherwise attach to it; and there is at first sight a conspicuously defective sense of proportion in bestowing more than six hundred octavo pages\* on an account of the crushing of a mere recruiting expedition by a few bodies of country militia, who did nothing to follow up their advantage.

But Mr. Draper's history justifies this minute treatment, if any volume can, by the remarkable thoroughness with which the work has been performed. After an examination of its painstaking unfolding of details, it is not difficult to believe that, as the author tells us, it is the result of forty years of labor, including long and wearisome journeys through the southern states to obtain personal interviews with the survivors of the engagement. It is scarcely possible, also, to speak in too high praise of the author's careful references to all possible sources of information, printed and manuscript; not only in his foot-notes, but in such references as those at the end of chapters 5 and 6. In his appendix he has brought together the original official orders and reports relating to the battle.

It was during the first attempt of Cornwallis to push northward from South Carolina that this body of several hundred men under Colonel Ferguson, while on its

\* Only a single page is given to this engagement in Henry Lee's "Memoirs of the war in the southern department of the United States," published in 1812.

way back to rejoin the main army at Charlotte, was literally surrounded on the bare summit of the inconsiderable knob known as King's Mountain, and almost as literally cut to pieces. The tangle of conflicting statements as to the number engaged on each side is almost inextricable. Mr. Draper, after careful investigation, is inclined to hold that Ferguson's men numbered about 800, of whom 157 were killed.\* The attacking force seems to have numbered about 900,† of whom only 28 were killed.‡ De Peyster, not only in his sketch published in 1869, just referred to, but in his article of little more than a year ago,§ is of the opinion that the attacking party was proportionally larger. It is interesting to notice that this slaughter, in some respects as picturesque as the Lookout Mountain battle, was a bloody encounter of Americans with Americans—scarcely a man beyond the higher officers having come from over the ocean. The king's troops were partly "Provincials," or loyalists from New York and New Jersey, and partly Carolinian loyalists whom Colonel Ferguson had just recruited from the immediate neighborhood. The men who attacked them were brave, but comparatively undisciplined mountaineers, comprising a few hundred from south-western Virginia, and more than 200 from what afterwards became Tennessee; the remainder being from the hill country of North and South Carolina.

Mr. Bancroft, in his tenth volume, published in 1874, says that this victory, "in the spirit of the American soldiers like the rising at Concord, in its effects like the successes at Bennington, changed the aspect of the war."|| This is doubtless true, so far as it served to discourage the southern loyalists from rising; and as a result of it Cornwallis withdrew his army into South Carolina again. But these mountaineers had no plan of campaign, and after their victory the little army melted away, most of the men returning at once to their homes. So also the large capture of prisoners they had taken melted away, only about 130 being in possession of the American army when Gen. Greene took command in December. "Thus upwards of six hundred men who would have told in exchange were lost to their captors."¶ What the result would have been had this success been vigorously followed up, and the victorious forces combined with the other southern troops, can only be a matter of conjecture. As it was, it can hardly be considered of direct, controlling importance, as affecting the final catastrophe at Yorktown. Johnston, the latest historian of Yorktown, is clearly right in stating that "the King's Mountain affair" "only postponed the occupation of North Carolina until re-inforcements could reach the British camp."\*\*

Allusion has been made to certain elements of picturesqueness in the King's Mountain battle. Mr. Draper's treatment of the subject has done full justice to these details. In fact the book may be said to be crowded with incident; and this, while certainly contributing to the interest of the story, most certainly does not help in establishing for the reader a clear historical perspective of the affair. The historical student, after finishing this volume, will read with pleasure the concise but clearly developed sketch of the engagement, by Mr. De Peyster, already alluded to,†† though it is difficult to see what necessity exists, after the publication of Mr. Draper's book, for the expanding of this sketch into a volume, as is there hinted.

Mr. Draper has been known as a careful historical student through a long life, devoted not indeed to the publishing of books but the collecting of material. With this volume he breaks his long period of preparation, and is prepared, it is understood, to follow it with other works on early American history, which, it is to be hoped, will show equally with this his painstaking accuracy. It should be added that this work is equipped with an excellent index, though why the numbers of the pages should be wholly omitted from the table of contents, it is not easy to understand.

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\* Draper's "King's Mountain," p. 301.

† Compare De Peyster's "King's Mountain," *Historical Magazine*, March, 1869, p. 193.

‡ Draper's "King's Mountain," p. 302.

§ "The affair at King's Mountain," by J. W. De Peyster, *Magazine of American History*, Dec. 1880, p. 401-23.

|| Bancroft's "United States," v. 10, p. 340.

¶ Greene's "Life of Nathanael Greene," v. 3, p. 78.

\*\* "The Yorktown Campaign and the Surrender of Cornwallis, 1781," by H. P. Johnston, New York, 1881, p. 23.

†† *Magazine of American History*, Dec. 1, 1880, p. 401-23.

*Reports on the Estate of Sir Andrew Chadwick and the recent Proceedings of the Chadwick Association in reference thereto.* By EDMUND CHADWICK, Chairman, and JAMES BOARDMAN, Secretary and Treasurer of the Chadwick Association. With Appendices, chiefly reprints of official documents. To which is prefixed the life and history of Sir Andrew Chadwick . . . by JOHN OLDFIELD CHADWICK, F.S.S., F.R.G.S. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co. Manchester: Tubbs, Brook & Chrystal. New York: Charles L. Woodward, 76 Nassau Street. 1881. [Small quarto, cloth, pp. xiv.+300. With portrait, illustration and folded pedigrees. Price \$11.]

This book is valuable to societies like ours, because the anxious inquirers for immense estates in England merely awaiting claimants, can find a *quicquid* by a perusal of "the potency of the Statute of Limitation," as presented in Appendix S, p. 290 et seq. On p. 118, "it will be seen that from the fact of the property having been disposed of and held for twelve years, no claimants can now come forward and disturb the present holders." Many references to modern changes in the laws are mentioned, which make the want of *timely vigilance* on the part of remote ancestors a bar to the recovery by their descendants.

The illegality of associations which provide that its shareholders shall divide the spoils with a successful claimant, is declared by the counsel of this association (page 286) "to be 'maintenance' in its worst aspect, as pronounced by Lord Campbell in *Sprye vs. Porter*."

The chapter on copyhold tenure is interesting, and the exemplification of its use is seen to advantage in this case; future genealogists will have less trouble to discover the changes in ownership of land, when the American method of record is adopted in Great Britain, for which arrangements are now being made.

The details of this case are of special importance to those who have paid for its investigation. Sir Andrew Chadwick (born in 1684) was a man whose blood no decent person would like to inherit; "the accident of his informal will has alone rescued his name from oblivion." (p. viii.)

He belonged to the body guard of Queen Anne, and the author has no doubt that he was selected on account of his *physique*, in which he takes a great pride, as a chief characteristic of the Chadwicks of England. It is evident that his animal propensities, combined with suspicion of others and great secretiveness, made him anything but the pattern of knighthood. When he was knighted (from the dates either side of his record, supposed to be in 1710) he was so near a nonentity that the word Chadwick upon the page of the original record book shows all that was known of him or his ancestors in the College of Arms. He was connected in some way with the lotteries to raise part of the revenue for the government, and probably in this position "feathered his nest." In 1718 he married the daughter of a London apothecary, and after his death she found he had appropriated her father's stocks. He was a strange compound of pomp and meanness; he bought showy horses and a carriage before such conveyances were common; but he lived adjacent to the pest-house field, which had been used as a place of interment for thousands who died of the plague, and was in close proximity to houses built for lepers' hospitals.

He treated his wife shabbily, and provided handsomely for a bastard daughter who lived opposite to him in one of his own houses; beside which he left to the notorious Betty Chudleigh one hundred guineas for a ring to wear in remembrance of him. The person with whom he was most intimate, and to whom he left most of his personal estate, asserted that he was a bastard, and this taint was quite freely dispersed among his near relatives. The fifth codicil of his will, on page 56, gives a specimen of his snarling ways. When he died \$20,000 in money was found secreted in various parts of his house, and he had 2387 oz. of plate, but he allowed everything to run down about his house.

After the book had been written it was found that his birth occurred several years earlier than was supposed, and this fact materially affects the value of the early part of the book.

The assumption that all the Chadwicks are consanguineous is carried to a foolish extent. The author could learn from Edmund's book on the names of places, that such saints as Chad and Brico gave names to places which long afterward became descriptive *personal* names, as designating the location of families, and finally became *patronymics* of the chief family in possession. Because a family name is Saxon it does not prove the family to be of Saxon blood, and it would take a vivid imagination to connect the well-authenticated family of Chadwick of

Healey, whose family documents and history reach back only to 1450 or thereabouts, with the saintly Chad (A.D. 669), or the Martial Cerdic (A.D. 519), or even with Sir Andrew Chadwick of 1710.

The Chadwick pedigree of the family referred to is given on page 297, and is one of the best-evidenced pedigrees in the College of Arms, supported by a series of family deeds and authentic documents. An attempt was made in 1613 to attach another family of Chadwicks to the Healey family's pedigree, in this way: When Richard St. George, Norroy King of Arms, made his visitation in Lancashire in 1613, he made a note for further inquiry, but the page was subsequently filled up with apparently legal and heraldic authority, but not authenticated and subscribed, and altogether fabulous. It was probably the handy-work of John Wither, in the interest of Dr. John Chadwick, who was chaplain to King Charles I. Col. John Chadwick of the Nottingham family had been supposed to be a connecting link with the family in Lancashire, but his pains-taking and well informed son Charles Chadwick, F.S.A., assisted by J. C. Brooks, Esq., Somerset Herald, failed completely to find consanguinity.

A few words perhaps should be said on the question of the armorial bearings which liberally embellish the book. It is well known that the *grants of arms* in England specify to whom they shall descend from the original owner of the "paten," thus: In 1522, 13 Henry VIII., Thomas Wriothsley, Garter, ordains, devises and assigns a crest to William Coffin of Halden, co. Derby, "for him and his posterity with due difference." King Richard II. granted a crest in 1390 to Thomas, Earl Marshal and of Nottingham, "to the said Thomas and his heirs." Norfolk, Earl Marshal, through Sir Isaac Heard, Garter, and George Harrison, Clarenceaux, granted, in 1804, to Isaac Coffin of N. E. birth, "Armorial Ensigns proper to be borne by him and his descendants and by those of his late father . . . with due and proper difference." In 1417 Henry V. instituted the office of Garter King of Arms, and issued a writ to the sheriffs of the different counties forbidding all manner of persons henceforth to bear any arms not derived from their ancestors, without license from himself, or the officers of arms, *excepting such as had borne arms at Agincourt*. Arms borne previous to this time carried *prescriptive* rights; but even these rights require proof of descent or inheritance from an ancestor in actual occupation of the arms, and not assumption only, as in this book. A further weakness in Sir Andrew's case, and the English and American persons of the name, who hoped to be heirs to his estate, is that if the remote ancestors had been *Armigers*, having fallen from their high estate and become yeomen, the right would have been lost under the rulings of Sir William Dugdale.

The officers of this association are entitled to great credit for the thoroughness and impartiality with which they have investigated the Chadwick genealogy and the claims to the Chadwick estate: as well as for the candor with which they have reported the truth to their members. The book makes a handsome volume.

[By John Coffin James Brown, Esq., of Boston.]

*History of Cecil County, Maryland, and the early Settlements around Chesapeake Bay and the Delaware River, with Sketches of some of the old families of Cecil County.* By GEORGE JOHNSTONE. Elkton: Published by the Author. 1881. [8vo. pp. 548. Price \$3 in cloth, or \$3.75 in sheep library binding. Address the author at Elkton, Md.]

This work is another valuable addition to the history of Maryland. One more county takes its place in printed form, and goes upon the record that may be preserved so long as ink and paper endure. The history of this county has been faithfully, laboriously, and we judge accurately portrayed by Mr. Johnstone. Beginning with the early explorations of Capt. John Smith in the waters of Cecil County, the author recites the attempt to establish a trading post on Palmer's Island near the mouth of the Susquehanna River, before the arrival of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. An interesting sketch of Lord Baltimore and his son Cecil Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore, precedes an account of the early settlements upon the Delaware River, and then we have a narration of the events pertaining to the first permanent settlement in the county. The troubles between the Dutch and the English are told in a very interesting manner.

Cecil County appears to have been created by proclamation of Governor Charles Calvert in 1674, and a court house was erected in 1692. It would appear that the only colony of Ibadists which was ever established in the United States were living upon Bohemia Manor nearly two hundred years ago. The romantic story of

George Talbot and his wonderful adventures is told in an interesting manner. The efforts of the various religious denominations—the Quakers, Episcopalians and Presbyterians—to establish themselves are fully set forth. One of the chapters gives us the best account of Mason and Dixon's Line we have ever seen, containing a detailed account of the running of this boundary, so interesting to historians and politicians. The era of the revolution is vividly sketched and the part taken therein both by patriots and loyalists. Cecil County was also an arena for the operations of the armies of the war of 1812, as it had been during the revolution. The subsequent growth and prosperity of the county is traced in a clear manner; the march of progress has left its imprint on the territory in various ways, and the introduction of steam has wonderfully assisted internal intercourse and transportation, and enhanced the value of commodities. The volume closes with an account of some of the more prominent families in the county. An excellent map is attached, which adds much to the usefulness of the volume. We wish we could say as much for the index. It is extremely meagre, and is of very little use. The book on the whole is well worth the reading by those who are interested in general history. The citizens of Cecil County ought to value it highly, for it is a work of great labor and research, compiled without the aid of the early colonial and county records, and has perpetuated for them a history of their county which a century to come could not have been compiled. All antiquaries will derive much pleasure and information from the perusal of the pages of this book.

[By Daniel T. V. Huntoon, Esq., of Canton, Mass.]

*History of the Town of Gilsun, New Hampshire. From 1752 to 1879, with Maps and Illustrations.* By SILVANUS HAYWARD, A.M. [Motto.] Printed for the Author by John B. Clark, Manchester, N. H., 1881. [4to. pp. 468.]

We are happy to note a rapidly increasing interest in the matter of publishing town histories, and an improvement in the arrangement, style and typographical appearance of those recently issued. In order to write a good work of this kind a person must have a taste for this species of labor and a large amount of patience. Such works require also accuracy, completeness, method, brevity, and the utmost impartiality. When a work combines these requisites, its value can hardly be over-estimated.

A careful examination of the volume before us will convince the reader that a large amount of labor, patient research, care and pains has been expended in its compilation. It bears throughout decisive marks of faithfulness and a peculiar fitness of the author for such efforts. Mr. Hayward is a native of Gilsun, which adds one more advantage to those already mentioned. Besides a local pride in having a perfect work, so far as can be, he has had every facility in gathering up the fragments which help to make a complete town history. It is pleasant to find in one volume so faithfully recorded so much material as is herein contained. It is a labor of five years or more, and the results are now made public. The volume contains 468 pages, divided into three parts, and 38 chapters, and is well illustrated by 50 heliotype portraits of leading citizens of the town, views of residences and noted places, with three maps explaining the various localities, rivers, roads, &c., prepared by the author expressly for this work.

Part 1 opens with the natural history of the town, then treats of the charter and proprietorship, the part her citizens bore in the revolutionary war, the war of 1812, and the war of the rebellion. Next follows an account of the different cemeteries, a list of burials in the same, an official record, its ecclesiastical and educational history, its libraries and lyceums, industries, census returns, &c.

Part 2 contains topographical and biographical information, with the location of the residents throughout the seven districts. This is an original idea with the author and an exceedingly good one, worthy of imitation, exhibiting a vast amount of personal effort. Then follow short sketches of prominent and professional persons, accompanied with portraits.

Part 3 has nearly two hundred pages of closely printed family registers, alphabetically arranged, many of them very full. They will be appreciated by those in any way connected with the families here represented, and will be a valuable aid to future genealogists. We hope the example set in this work may stimulate other towns to gather up their items of history and have them placed in book form. Many of the New Hampshire towns have given to the public excellent local histories, but there is room for more. It is to be hoped that other towns may be as fortunate in their historiographer as that of Gilsun.

The book is a handsome quarto volume, admirably printed on good paper, with large and clear type. Last, but not of the least importance, it has what many town histories have not, a complete index, a most valuable adjunct to any book.  
[By Bradford Kingnan, Esq., of Brookline, Mass.]

*Organization of the Virginia Historical Society; Officers and Members: With a List of its Publications.* [Seal.] Richmond, Va.: Published by the Virginia Historical Society. 1881. [8vo. pp. 23.]

We are glad to notice the activity shown by the Virginia Historical Society in prosecuting the objects for which it was organized. The "Old Dominion" is rich in historic memories and abounds in documentary materials for history. We are therefore pleased to witness a determination, by the society and its members, that no effort shall be spared to gather up and preserve its ancient documents and records. The recent acquisition of the Dinwiddie Papers, and the securing of the services of Mr. Brock as curator and librarian, have already been noticed in the REGISTER (xxxv. 386, 389).

The executive committee, to whom the matter was entrusted, have been successful in greatly enlarging the membership of the society among those interested in its object, both in Virginia and in other states of the union. The fee is fifty dollars for life membership, or five dollars a year for annual members. There is no entrance fee. It is not required that contributing members shall be residents of Virginia. Life and annual members are entitled to receive without charge all the future publications of the society. Several valuable works are announced as in preparation, among which are the "Letter Books of Gen. Alexander Spotswood," 1710-22; and the "Records of the Administration of Lieut. Gov. Robert Dinwiddie," 1752-57.

*History of the Discovery of the North-west.* By JOHN NICOLET, 1634. With a Sketch of his Life by C. W. BUTTERFIELD, Author of "Crawford's Campaign against Sandusky," "History of Wisconsin," in "Historical Atlas of the State," "The Washington-Crawford Letters," "History of the University of Wisconsin," etc. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1881. [8vo. pp. 113.]

This monograph touches a question of interest to students of early American history. John Nicolet was a man of energy, strong parts, and a genuine lover of adventure. He came to New France in 1618. Samuel Champlain, cherishing high hopes in him, sent him among the natives to learn their language. He resided among the Algonquins about two years, then among the Nipissings and Hurons some ten years. It may have been that he returned to Quebec about the time of the change in the mode of government, in 1627, but if he did he returned and was with the natives during the years Quebec was held by the English, 1629-1632. He returned to Quebec in the summer of 1633, conversant in the languages of the Algonquins, Hurons and Nipissings, acquainted with savage habits and modes of living, receiving in his intercourse with them traditions of the past, and was altogether such a man as Champlain desired to carry forward his own spirit and aims, and with a far-seeing mind to attach the various Indian tribes to the interests of France.

The author follows the Hon. Benjamin Sulté, Ottawa, Canada, in the opinion that Nicolet discovered the North-west in 1634 and 1635, instead of five years later. This opinion is sustained by a series of extracts from the Jesuite *Relations*, and the *Registres des Trois Rivières* still extant. John Nicolet, the interpreter and commissary of Champlain, is not mentioned by Bancroft, nor by Gen. Smith in his history of Wisconsin, while Dr. J. G. Shea did not place his explorations as early by five years, and Parkman in his earlier editions says his voyage was "as early as 1639." Mr. Parkman in his later edition follows Sulté. Mr. Sulté's article upon this question is found in "*Mélanges D'Histoire et de Littérature*," Ottawa, 1876, pp. 426, 436. This monograph is valuable since it embraces data upon the point in question, and notes as to where other data may be found, though these references are not as full as they might have been. For instance, it makes no reference to the recent English translation of *Champlain's Voyages* with historical illustrations, and a Memoir by the Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, published under the auspices of the Prince Society. The valuable foot-notes of this later volume by Mr. Slafter are almost as important as the text itself. He had probably not seen it. Mr. Butterfield quite conclusively shows that at no earlier time, nor at a later one, could Nicolet have been absent from the settlement to have made this tour to the great north-west. The document, said to have been the last which Champlain wrote and perhaps the only one extant in his own handwriting, was written August 15, 1635,

to Cardinal de Richelieu, in which he depicts in glowing terms the possibilities of New France. May it not have been inspired by the recent return of Nicolet? Champlain died the following Christmas, and Nicolet was drowned in October, 1642. This volume also enforces the idea that Nicolet had nothing to do with the Jesuits, being solely in the employ of the Society of the Hundred Associates.

[By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., of Weymouth, Mass.]

*Bibliography of Charlestown, Massachusetts, and Bunker Hill.* [Mottos.] By JAMES F. HUNNEWELL. Boston: James R. Osgood and Company. 1880. [8vo. pp. 100.]

This is, we believe, the first attempt to give the bibliography of a town, and the success which has attended this first effort is certainly encouraging. In collecting materials for it Mr. Hunnewell has gathered a library of Charlestown literature which may be considered a marvel of completeness, for most of the works whose titles he gives in the book before us are on his own shelves. The works were written by natives or residents of Charlestown, or they were printed there. The arrangement is chronological, which enables us to trace the development of the literature of the place.

"One reason, and not a minor one, for the production of this work," Mr. Hunnewell states, "is a renewal of what the writer has advocated for certain libraries with which he has been associated, the claim of the importance of placing and preserving on their shelves all proper aids and illustrations to Local History pertinent to the position or purposes of the collection. And he offers this work as a suggestion—not a model—of something that seems still to be needed for many towns. The acquisition of what such lists may contain need not be, even now, excessively difficult; for although when attempted by a single person it may be one of those efforts nearly enough impossible to be exciting and interesting, when undertaken by a hundred persons, each of whom supplies even a single book or pamphlet, a large aggregate can be formed by small individual sacrifice or contribution. Pamphlets that, scattered separately, may be of moderate interest or value, often become, when put together, like the signatures of a complete and important book. And signatures like these are every year becoming more scarce. Through the country the omnivorous junk-dealer has drawn his net, and the waste-basket received its victims. And yet the old closets, drawers, or boxes, may still yield things desired."

The suggestions of Mr. Hunnewell are excellent. The New England Historical, Genealogical Society has attempted to some extent to do for all the towns in New England what is here recommended for the several towns; but they have not the facilities for doing it which residents possess. The custodian of every town-library should begin at once to collect every book, pamphlet, handbill, shop card, order of exercises, programme and broadside of every description relating to the town. Such a collection would be of great service not only to those who should undertake to write the history of that town, but to many others in various ways.

*Pioneer History of Milwaukee, from 1840 to 1846 inclusive.* Vol. 2. By JAMES S. BUCK. [Seal.] Milwaukee: Symmes, Swain & Co., Book and Job Printers. 1881. [8vo. pp. 383.]

The first volume of Mr. Buck's History of Milwaukee was issued in 1876, and was noticed in the *REVISER*, vol. xxxi. p. 243. It contained the annals of that place from its first American settlement in 1833 to the close of the year 1840. The present volume, after giving important facts and documents relating to that period, obtained since the issue of the first volume, continues the annals from 1840 to the close of 1846. It is filled with valuable matter relative to the history of one of the most important cities in the west, is illustrated by portraits and views of old buildings, and has a good index. Mr. Buck was a pioneer settler of the place whose history he records.

*Yorktown Centennial Illustrated, October, 1881.* .... Published by the Photo-Electrotype Co., 63 Oliver Street, Boston. [Folio, pp. 16. Price 25 cts.]

*Plan of the Siege of Yorktown. From a Survey by Major Sebastian Bowman of the New York 2d Regiment of Artillery, Three days after the Surrender of Cornwallis.* Reproduced by the Photo-Electrotype Company, 63 Oliver Street, Boston, Mass. [1881. Broadside, 29 in. by 18 in. For sale by the Photo-Electrotype Company. Price 25 cts.]

The "Yorktown Centennial" is an illustrated paper got up principally for the use of visitors at the centennial celebration of the surrender of Cornwallis in October last, and contains engravings and historical matter concerning the siege of York-



town and the actors in it. It is worthy of preservation, especially by collectors of centenary literature.

The "Plan of the Siege of Yorktown" is a fac-simile of Major Bauman's map, photo-electrotyped from a copy in the possession of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society. The New York Historical Society and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania have fine copies of the original engraving, and other copies are to be found in the possession of libraries and individuals; but the engraving is considered scarce. It was published in 1782, being engraved by R. Soot, of Philadelphia. A reduced fac-simile is given in the "Yorktown Centennial," noticed above.

*Education. An International Magazine, Bi-monthly, devoted to Science, Art, Philosophy, Literature and Education.* THOMAS W. BICKNELL, Conductor. . . . Boston : New England Publishing Co. New York : August Brentano, Jr., Union Square. London : Trubner & Co., 57 and 59 Ludgate Hill; Thomas Laurie, Stationers' Hall Court. Paris : H. Le Soudier, 19 Rue de Lillie. Leipsic : 3 Konigstrasse. [8vo. about 100 pages a number. Price 75 cts. or \$4 a year.]

At last we have a magazine worthy of the grand subject it espouses, and a credit to the originators. It has been commenced none too soon, and we hope that it will meet with that success which it richly deserves. In a literary point of view it will rank with any on this side the ocean or the other.

It numbers among its contributors on the east side the Atlantic such names as John Russell, F.E.I.S., F.R.H.S., London; Prof. S. S. Laurie, A.M., F.R.S.E., Edinburgh; Prof. J. H. Seeley, author of *Ecce Homo*, England; William Jolly, A.M., H.M.S., Scotland; James Washington Bell, Leipzig, Etc. : while on the west side we have writers of equal ability in John Eaton, Ph.D., LL.D., Commissioner of U. S. Bureau of Education; John D. Philbrick, LL.D., of Boston; William T. Harris, LL.D., John M. Gregory, LL.D., Hon. J. W. Patterson, LL.D., Prof. Maria Mitchell, and scores of others, male and female, well worthy of mention, did space permit. Indeed it would seem that this review is more than any other inclined to give to woman a chance to tell what she knows in the higher realm of thought. Judging from the articles before us, the "honors are easy" between her and him, she holding, of course, the "queen."

An interesting feature of *Education* is the steel engravings of distinguished educators, living and departed. The latter are often accompanied by a biographical sketch of the life of the subject. We hope the enterprising conductor will not stop until he has thus embalmed a host of educational authors with whom we would gladly become acquainted.

The work was commenced in September, 1880, and eight bi-monthly numbers have now been published. We have read a large number of the articles in the last five numbers, and have found them thoughtful and exhibiting vast learning and research. Judging from present prospects, he who for ten years takes and reads *Education*, will have at the end a "liberal education."

[By George T. Littlefield, Esq., of Boston.]

*Around the Hub. A Boy's Book of Boston.* By SAMUEL ADAMS DRAKE. . . . Boston : Roberts Brothers. 1881. [12mo. pp. 267. Profusely illustrated. Price \$2.]

Mr. Drake has had marked success in his efforts to interest his readers in the incidents of our past history, and in the persons and places connected with them. His "Landmarks of Old Boston," "Historic Fields and Mansions of Middlesex," and "Nooks and Corners of the New England Coast," have made his fame and merits as a writer so familiar to the readers of the present day, that there is no need to introduce him to them, nor to point out his excellencies of style and matter. His previous publications, though intended for older people, have found many readers among the rising generation; and they will learn with pleasure that he has written a book about Boston intended especially for them.

*New England Historic, Genealogical Society. Report of its Heraldic Committee on the Question, Was John Leverett a Knight?* . . . Boston : David Clapp & Son, Printers. 1881. [8vo. pp. 23.]

This is a reprint of the report of the Committee on Heraldry on the question "Was Gov. John Leverett a Knight?" which appeared last October in the *REGISTER* (XXIV. 345-56). To the report is prefixed the letter of the late Charles W. Tuttle, Ph.D., propounding the query, and the other matter printed in the July *REGISTER* (XXXV. 372-5). Mr. Amory, the author of the report, has also prefixed a val.

uable Introduction, and has appended a useful note on the British orders of Knighthood.

The conclusion at which the committee arrive, after full investigation of the subject, ought to settle the question in the minds of all candid people. "Upon the whole," they say, "the committee are of opinion that the supposition that Gov. Leverett was ever knighted is not established by any evidence known to the committee. There is nothing even plausible which can be found to give color to such a claim, and the evidence that the committee have obtained is wholly against it."

The letter of Col. Joseph L. Chester, LL.D., D.O.L., Sept. 29, 1881, is to the same effect. He writes me in relation to the royal letter: "The explanation I would suggest is that Williamson was *notoriously a careless man*, and that this was one of his blunders. It seems absolutely certain that Leverett never was knighted, or there would be evidence of the fact in other quarters." I ought to have stated in the editorial remarks in the October REGISTER that Col. Chester arrived at his conclusion independently of Mr. Tuttle. He had of course read the letter of Mr. Tuttle some months before, but he did not remember when he wrote me that Mr. Tuttle had referred to the carelessness of Secretary Williamson, nor that he had suggested that the address was a blunder. My letter of August 25, 1880, merely asked Col. Chester to ascertain whether there was any record in London of the letter printed in the Massachusetts Historical Collections, xxxii. 223, without referring to Mr. Tuttle; and his reply was the letter from which I quote.

"*Decies Repetita Placebit.*"—*Picturesque Rhode Island. Pen and Pencil Sketches of the Scenery and History of its Cities, Towns and Hamlets, and of Men who have made them Famous.* By WILFRED H. MUNRO. Providence: J. A. & R. A. Reid, Publishers. 1881. [4to. pp. 304.]

This is a lively and picturesque description of the state of Rhode Island, designed principally for the many visitors to its seaside retreats, and for those who wish a general view of its present status. Each town is taken up separately, and historical and descriptive accounts of the several towns are given, with fine pictorial illustrations of public edifices, ancient buildings, scenery, etc. Large plans of the cities of Providence and Newport, and maps of the state of Rhode Island and Narraganset Bay are given.

Its topography is of a high order, its engravings well executed, and its binding tasteful.

[By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., of Weymouth.]

*Memoir of Samuel Stehman Haldeman, LL.D., Professor of Comparative Philology in the University of Pennsylvania.* By CHARLES HENRY HART, Historiographer of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia. . . . With an Appendix. Philadelphia. 1881. [Royal 8vo. pp. 26.]

Mr. Hart has here added another to the many valuable memoirs of distinguished persons that he has prepared as historiographer of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society. This memoir was originally printed in the *Penn Monthly* for August, 1881. The appendix contains a list of the scientific publications of Prof. Haldeman, filling several pages, also a list of the literary honors which he received.

*Thomas Corwin, A Sketch.* By A. P. RUSSELL, Author of Library Notes. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1881. [12mo. pp. 128. Price \$1. Sent by mail post-paid on receipt of price.]

The life of Thomas Corwin, the famous western orator and statesman, is written by one who knew him well and admired his genius. It "abounds in anecdotes and illustrations of the most entertaining character. Though small in bulk, it is more extensive and elaborate than anything that has before appeared relating to the great orator." The book is very readable. It has a newly engraved portrait, said to be a striking likeness.

*Reminiscences of the War of the Rebellion, 1861-5.* By J. ALBERT MONROE (Late Lieutenant Colonel First Rhode Island Light Artillery). Providence: N. Bangs Williams & Co. 1881. [Fop. 4to. pp. 78. Price 50 cts. to non-subscribers.]

This is the eleventh number of "Personal Narratives of Events in the War of the Rebellion," several of the previous numbers of which series have before been noticed by us. They consist of papers read before the Rhode Island Soldiers' and Sailors' Historical Society. The society deserves much credit for its labors in pre-

servng the record of events in so important a portion of our national history. Col. Monroe served in Virginia with the army of the Potomac. His narrative is quite interesting.

*A Poetical Epistle to George Washington, Esq., Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States of America.* By Rev. CHARLES HENRY WHARTON, D.D. From the Original Manuscript belonging to DAVID PULSIFER, A.M. . . . With an Appendix. Boston: Printed for David Pulsifer. For sale by A. Williams & Co., 283 Washington Street. 1881. [12mo. pp. 108.]

The original manuscript, from which the epistle to Gen. Washington is here printed, was imported from England by Mr. Pulsifer about a quarter of a century ago, and exhibited at a meeting of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, April 1, 1857. The poem was anonymous, except that the title-page stated it to be by "A Native of the Province of Maryland." There were no indications that it had ever been printed. In the report of that meeting in the *Historical Magazine*, vol. i. p. 154, an extract was printed, which led Col. Thomas Aspinwall in the same work, p. 185, to call attention to a London edition of the work, also anonymous, reprinted from an Annapolis edition of 1779; and in the same volume, at p. 231, the present bishop of Iowa, the Rt. Rev. William Stevens Perry, D.D., LL.D., furnished the name and other particulars of the author, the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Wharton. Subsequently, to identify the handwriting of the manuscript, Dr. Perry loaned Mr. Pulsifer several letters of Dr. Wharton; and they with the manuscript were referred to a committee of this society, who reported Sept. 6, 1865, that the manuscript was evidently in the handwriting of Dr. Wharton, the author. (REGISTER, xix. 375; xx. 89.)

Mr. Pulsifer's appendix contains an account of the author, besides interesting and valuable documents, relating to Washington, from various sources. He gives copies of the facsimile Washington memorial tablets at the state-house in this city. When these tablets were placed there they were supposed to be memorials of the father, uncle and aunt of John Washington, the emigrant ancestor of Gen. Washington; but Col. Chester has since proved (REGISTER, xxi. 25-35) that Lawrence, Robert and Elisabeth Washington, whose memory these stones perpetuate, did not bear the supposed relationship to the father of our country.

*Vick's Floral Guide.* James Vick, Rochester, N. Y. 1882. [8vo. pp. 124. Price 10 cts.]

The "Floral Guide," which Mr. Vick, of Rochester, issues annually, appears with its usual promptness this year. It contains two elegant colored plates of flowers and fruits, and more than one thousand illustrations of the choicest flowers, plants and vegetables, with directions for growing them. It is printed in German as well as English.

*A Record of the Descendants of Capt. George Denison of Stonington, Conn. With Notices of his Father and Brothers, and Some Account of other Denisons who settled in America in the Colony Times.* Prepared by JOHN DENISON BALDWIN and WILLIAM CLIFF. Worcester: Printed by Tyler & Seagrave. 1861. [8vo. pp. 423. Price \$5; by mail, \$5.26. To be obtained of the Hon. William Clift, Mystic Bridge, Ct.]

*Philip Hutton and his Descendants.* By DANIEL T. V. HUNTOON. Canton, Massachusetts: 1881. [8vo. pp. 113. Price \$1.50 in cloth, \$1.25 in paper.]

*The Candee Genealogy. With Notices of Allied Families of Allyn, Calkin, Cooke, Mallery, Newell, Norton, Pyncheon and Wadsworth.* By CHARLES CANDEE BALDWIN, M.A., Secretary of the Historical Society at Cleveland, Ohio. . . . Cleveland, Ohio: Leader Printing Company. 1882. [8vo. pp. 240. Price \$3.50 in half Turkey or half American Russia. Address the Author, 1264 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.]

*Paine Genealogy, Ipswich Branch; including a Brief History of the Norman Race, (to which all Families of "Paine" belong), from its Origin until the Conquest and the Crusade in which Hugh de Payen served.* By ALBERT W. PAINE. Bangor, Maine: Printed by O. F. Knowles & Company. 1881. [8vo. pp. 184. Price \$1.50, or \$1.59 by mail. To be obtained of the Author, Bangor, Me., or H. H. Carter, 3 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.]

*Genealogical Notes of the Paine Family of Worcester, Mass.* By NATHANIEL PAINE. . . . Privately printed. Albany: 1878. [8vo. pp. 27. Fifty copies only printed.]

- Paine Family Records. Vol. 2, No. 4. October, 1881. 8vo. Published quarterly, each number 24 pages. Price \$1 a year. Address H. D. Paine, M.D., the editor, 26 West 30th St., New York, N. Y.]*
- Genealogy, Biography and History. Genealogy of the Seagrave Family, from 1725-1881, as descended from John and Sarah Seagrave, who came from England. With Several Appendices, containing Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Memoranda relating to the Families mentioned in the Record. By DANIEL SEAGRAVE. Worcester: Printed by Tyler & Seagrave. 1881. [8vo. pp. 55-38. Limited edition. Price \$1.50 in cloth, or \$1.25 in paper. For sale by the Author, 442 Main St., Worcester, Mass.]*
- Genealogy of One Line of the Hopkins Family, descended from Thomas Hopkins in Providence, from 1641 to 1692. By a DESCENDANT. [Mottoes.] For Private Distribution. Providence: J. A. & R. A. Reid. 1881. [Sm. 4to. pp. 92.]*
- Memorial of the Descendants of the Hon. John Alden. By EBENEZER ALDEN, M.D. . . . Randolph, Mass.: Printed by Samuel P. Brown for the Family. 1867. With Supplement to 1869. [8vo. pp. 184. Price \$1.50 in paper, or \$1.75 in cloth. To be had of the Rev. E. K. Alden, D.D., 1 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass.]*
- Some of the Descendants of Jonathan Fabens of Marblehead. By GEORGE A. PERKINS, M.D. . . . Salem: Printed for the [Essex] Institute. 1881. [8vo. pp. 26. To be purchased of the Institute.]*
- Family Gathering on the French Homestead in Dunstable, Mass., October 8, 1879. [View of Homestead.] Printed for Private Circulation. [8vo. pp. 24.]*
- Preliminaries to a History of the Cowley Family, including the Cooley, Colley, Coley, Calley, Cawley, Cayley, Culley, Curley, Cowles and Wellesley Branches. Lowell, Mass.: Franklin Printing Company. 1881. [12mo. pp. 35. Address the Rev. Edward Cowley, 106 East 52d Street, New York, N. Y.]*
- The Coffin Family, its Armorial Bearings and Origin of the Name. With Albertype Illustrations from the Forbes Lith. Manuf. Company. By JOHN COFFIN JONES BROWN. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1881. [8vo. pp. 8.]*
- Thomas Hale of Newbury, Mass. His English Origin and Connections. By the Hon. ROBERT S. HALE, LL.D. Elizabethtown, N. Y. [Boston: 1881. 8vo. pp. 8.]*
- Golden Wedding. Fiftieth Anniversary of the Marriage of Jesse Sawyer and Elizabeth Goodell, February 11, 1869, Belvidere, Illinois. With Notices of the Family since 1839. Utica, N. Y.: Roberts, Book and Job Printer, 60 Genessee Street. 1869. [8vo. pp. 12.]*
- Pedigree of Ellery of the United States of America. Arranged by HARRISON ELLERY from his Memorials of the Ellery Family, in manuscript. Boston: 1881. [Broadside, 27 in. by 41 in. Print 22½ in. by 35 in. Price \$1.50 mounted on cloth, or \$1 unmounted. Address the Author, No. 1 Central Wharf, Boston, Mass.]*

The Denison family, to which the first of these books is devoted, was prominent in civil and military affairs in the early days of New England. Daniel Denison, of Ipswich, was a magistrate and major general of the Massachusetts colony, and his brother, Capt. George Denison, of Stonington, Ct., served under Cromwell, was wounded at Naseby, and performed high military and civil service after his return to this country. The greater portion of the families in this volume are descended from Capt. George Denison, and do honor to their ancestry. The authors of this book have been engaged many years in collecting materials for it. They have succeeded in making a very thorough and accurate work, embracing much biographical and historical matter. The work is arranged on the plan used by Nathaniel Goodwin, of Hartford, Ct., and it is well indexed. The index to the Denisons is on a new plan, the christian names being alphabetically arranged under the several generations. Use will determine whether this is an improvement.

Philip Hunton, the earliest person to whom can be traced the Huntoon family in this country, settled in Exeter, N. H., as early as 1689. There are two different traditions as to the country in which this family originated, one that it is of French Huguenot extraction, and the other that it is of English origin. The first tradition is the most common, and we think it the most probable; though Mr. Huntoon finds the name Hunton in England, both as that of a parish and a family, as early as the thirteenth century, and gives good reasons for believing that the English name was of Saxon origin. But the pronunciation of the name among the descendants of Philip indicates, we think, that his family was French. The name is always pro-

nounced Huntoon, and most of the family now spell it so. The pronunciation of the French final syllable *ton* by our New England people of the last century was *toon*, with the accent on that syllable. Huntoon is so accented, and so was Bretoon, as pronounced by our grandfathers, in Cape Breton. Mr. Huntoon prefixes to his genealogy articles on the Huntoons of England and Virginia, and also on the origin of the name. The work is well arranged, well indexed and handsomely printed. It is arranged on the plan now used in the REGISTER, the advantages of which plan are shown in vol. xxiv. page 79. We recommend the book to those who intend to print genealogies as a model in every respect.

Zaccheus Candee, the ancestor of the principal family, whose record is preserved in the next book, was born about 1640, and settled in New Haven as early as 1670. He died in 1720, and his gravestone and that of his wife Rebecca are still standing in West Haven, Ct. Mr. Baldwin has found no person of the name anywhere who is not descended from Zaccheus. About half of the volume is devoted to the Candees, and the rest is given to the other families named on the title-page. The book is carefully prepared and arranged on a modification of the Goodwin plan, which the Rev. John A. Vinton used. It is well printed, and is illustrated by a view of the house of Samuel Candee, son of Zaccheus, and fac-similes of the above-named gravestones.

The fourth book before us contains the descendants of William Paine, who came to this country from England in 1635, and settled at Ipswich, Mass. Many subjects of interest will attract the reader in various parts of the book; such as the historical notes on Normandy and Scandinavia, the interesting facts relating to the name in the time of the Conqueror, and in that of Henry VIII., the facts produced to connect the American family with that of Hugh de Payen, the new facts in the early years of the Massachusetts colony and concerning the settlement of Western Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York, and the new facts and theories about the witchcraft heresy. Besides this, many incidents in the biography of persons of the name in different centuries add a zest to the narrative. The author gives six generations of the descendants of Sir Thomas Payne, knight, of Market Bosworth, who was probably born in the early part of the fifteenth century. He supposes a William Paine of the sixth generation in this family to be the Ipswich settler. The principal evidence seems to be the coat-of-arms used by this family. We place little reliance as evidence upon arms used in New England. They may be useful, however, as clues, particularly when traced to colonial days. William Paine of Ipswich was a prominent man in his day, and the author has been very successful in his researches into his history. The work seems to be carefully compiled, and the plan of its arrangement is simple. It is well indexed and handsomely printed.

The Paine family of Worcester is descended from Stephen Paine, who emigrated from Norfolk county, England, in 1636, and settled at Hingham, Mass., but finally removed to Rehoboth. It was prepared for the "Paine Family Record," from which a small edition has been reprinted for private circulation. It is quite full as to the history of the emigrant and the genealogy of the Worcester branch. It is handsomely printed, and is illustrated with photograph portraits and other illustrations.

The Paine Family Record, which has been noticed by us several times, appears regularly filled with matter relating to the Paine family. The last work first appeared in its pages, and the author of the work preceding it first gave, through the Record, some of the results of his researches to the public.

The Seagrave family is descended from John and Sarah Seagrave, who, according to tradition, sailed for New England in the early part of the last century with their children. The father is said to have died on the passage. The mother is found at Boston in 1732, where a daughter was baptized March 25. Mrs. Seagrave had three other children. Edward the eldest son, and the only one known to have left issue, settled at Uxbridge, Mass. Thence his descendants have spread out into various parts of the country. The families are fully traced and clearly arranged. The appendix contains documents and other matters interesting to persons inheriting the name or blood. The index is not so full as we should like.

The Hopkins family recorded in the book whose title we give, is descended from Thomas Hopkins, an early settler at Providence, R. I., and one of the signers of the compact, July 27, 1640. Gov. Stephen Hopkins of Rhode Island, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Commodore Esek Hopkins of the Revolutionary Navy, were of this family. The book, which is well printed, contains much biographical as well as genealogical matter. The index is good.

The Alden Memorial is by Ebenezer Alden, M.D., whose memoir appeared in the REGISTER for October last (xxiv. 309-18). The Memorial was first published in

1867; but in October, 1869, a supplement of 20 pages was added which has not been noticed by us. It contains the result of later researches, and adds much to the value of the work.

The Fabens genealogy was prepared for the eighteenth volume of the Historical Collections of the Essex Institute, and has been reprinted from its pages. Dr. Perkins has done his work in his usual satisfactory manner.

The Gathering of the French family at the old homestead in Dunstable in October, 1879, seems to have been a very interesting occasion from the account of it now before us. The literary exercises do credit to the family.

The pamphlet on the Cowley family contains historical and genealogical matter of interest to persons of the name. The author requests those bearing any of the several surnames on the title-page to send him genealogical data for the larger work which he has in preparation.

The Coffin and Hale pamphlets are reprints from the REGISTER, and their merits are known to its readers.

Jesse Sawyer, born at Plymouth, Vt., May 24, 1796, whose golden wedding was celebrated in 1869, was a descendant of the sixth generation from Thomas<sup>1</sup> Sawyer, who settled first at Rowley, Mass., but in 1647 removed to Lancaster, through Thomas,<sup>2</sup> born 1649, Elias,<sup>3</sup> born 1687, Elisha,<sup>4</sup> born 1720, and Thomas,<sup>5</sup> his father, born at Sterling September 7, 1757. The pamphlet contains, besides the literary exercises at the re-union, accounts of the ancestry and descendants of Mr. Sawyer. His eldest son is the Hon. Lorenzo Sawyer, of San Francisco, Cal., formerly chief justice of that state, and now United States circuit judge for the ninth circuit.

The tabular pedigree of the Ellery family is a work of much labor. It includes all the heads of families from the founder William Ellery. The compiler has been fortunate in finding many obituaries of the family; five of members in the second generation being here printed. We are glad to see that in almost every case he has given the parentage of those who have intermarried with the family. From a note attached to the pedigree, we learn that he hopes at some time to print a complete genealogy of the family, illustrated with all the old family portraits. The seal represented in this pedigree is taken from a power of attorney dated March 27, 1708, which Mr. Ellery has given to this society.

*The Evelyns in America: Compiled from Family Papers and other Sources, 1608-1805.* Edited and Annotated by G. D. SCULL. . . . Printed for Private Circulation, by Parker and Co., Oxford. 1881. [8vo. pp. viii. + 392. Illustrated by portraits, views and maps.]

We have just received from the author a copy of this valuable work. We regret that it did not arrive in season for a suitable notice in this number, but it will be more fully noticed in the next.

The volume contains a reprint of the Memoir and Letters of Capt. W. G. Evelyn, noticed in the REGISTER, xxiv. 216, to which are prefixed accounts of Capt. George and Mr. Robert Evelyn, who were prominent in the early days of Maryland and Virginia. The appendix, besides other matter, contains valuable documents preserved in the Evelyn, Montrésor and Harcourt families.

We would notice as particularly valuable some autobiographical papers of Col. John Montrésor, whose journal of an expedition on snow shoes from Quebec to the Atlantic coast, Mr. Scull has copied, from the original in the possession of the family, for this number of the REGISTER (pp. 29-36). Col. Montrésor, the eldest son of James Gabriel Montrésor, was born in Gibraltar April 6, 1736, and died in London June 26, 1799. He sailed for America with Gen. Braddock December 24, 1754, and served as engineer in the army here nearly twenty-four years, leaving America October 19, 1778. Considering the important services he rendered, it is singular that so little is known of him in this country.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC, GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO DEC. 1, 1881.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

Memorial of Henry Wolcott, one of the First Settlers of Windsor, Connecticut, and of Some of his Descendants. By Samuel Wolcott. Printed for private distribution. New York: Anson D. F. Randolph and Company. 1881. [Royal 4to. pp. xviii. + 439.]

Address at the unveiling of the Statue of Colonel William Prescott of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1881. By Robert C. Winthrop. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1881. [8vo. pp. 33.]

Monthly Reference Lists, issued by the Providence Public Library. Providence, R. I. July, August. 1881. Nos. 7, 8.

Memoir of Samuel Stehman Haldeman, LL.D., Professor of Comparative Philology in the University of Pennsylvania. By Charles Henry Hart. . . . Reprinted from the Penn Monthly for Aug. 1881. With an Appendix. Philadelphia, 1881. [8vo. pp. 26.]

Memorial of Ebenezer Alden, M.D. Commemorative sketch by Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D. Funeral address. [8vo. pp. 24.]

Report of the Council of the American Antiquarian Society made April 27th, 1881, with remarks upon Revolutionary Orderly Books in possession of the Society. By Nathaniel Paine. Worcester: Privately printed. 1880. [8vo. pp. 47.]

The Bristol County Directory, containing a classified list of the professions, trades, mercantile and manufacturing pursuits. . . . Compiled and published by Dean Dudley & Co. 1881. [8vo. pp. 192.]

Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey. Edited by William A. Whitehead. . . . Vol. I. 1687-1703. Newark, N. J.: Daily Advertiser Printing House. 1881. [8vo. pp. 550.]

The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut from May, 1762, to October, 1767, inclusive. Transcribed and edited in accordance with a resolution of the General Assembly. [Seal.] By Charles J. Hoadly, State Librarian. Hartford: Press of the Case, Lockwood and Brainard Co. 1881. [8vo. pp. 698.]

Vol. XI. No. 3. Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, founded Nov. 30, 1864. 1881. [Seal.] Edited by John L. Hayes, LL.D. Boston: Office No. 95 Milk Street. 1881. [8vo. pp. 238+23.]

Ober Ammergau in 1875 and 1880. By William Stevens Perry, bishop of Iowa. Privately printed. [1881. 8vo. pp. 19.]

An account of the Manuscripts of Gen. Dearborn as Massachusetts Commissioner in 1838 and 1839, for the sale of the Seneca Indian Lands in the state of New York. Read before the Albany Institute October 12th, 1880. By Henry A. Homes, LL.D., Librarian of the State Library. Albany: Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers. 1881. [8vo. pp. 11.]

Antiquarian and Genealogical Papers: The Hassam Family. Descendants of William Hilton. Ezekiel Cheever and some of his Descendants. Boston Taverns, with some suggestions on the proper mode of Indexing the Public Records. Notes and Queries concerning the Hassam and Hilton Families. [8vo.]

Pioneer History of Milwaukee from 1840 to 1846, inclusive. Vol. 2. By James S. Buck. [Seal.] Milwaukee: Symes, Twain & Co., Book and Job Printers. 1881. [8vo. pp. 363.]

Oration delivered before the City Council and citizens of Boston in the Boston Theatre on the one hundred and fifth anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence, July 4, 1881. By George Washington Warren. [Seal.] Boston: Printed by order of the City Council, MDCCCLXXXI. Independence of the U. S. CVI. [8vo. pp. 62.]

Early Chicago. Fort Dearborn. An Address delivered at the unveiling of the memorial tablet to mark the site of the Blockhouse, on Saturday afternoon, May 21, 1881, under the auspices of the Chicago Historical Society, to which have been added notes and an appendix by Hon. John Wentworth, LL.D. . . . [Seal.] Chicago Printing Company. 1881. [8vo. pp. 98.]

A Poetical Epistle to George Washington, Esq., commander in chief of the armies of the United States of America, by Charles Henry Wharton, D.D., from the original manuscript belonging to David Pulsifer, A.M. . . . with an appendix. Boston: Printed for David Pulsifer. For sale by A. Williams & Co., 283 Washington Street. 1881. [8vo. pp. 106.]

A Glimpse into the Past. By Henry Phillips, Jr., A.M., Ph.D. Philadelphia: Reprinted from the Penn Monthly for August, 1881. [8vo. pp. 12.]

Supplement to the Revised Statutes of the United States. . . . Vol. I. Legislation of 1874-1881. The 43d, 44th, 45th and 46th Congresses. Prepared and edited by William A. Richardson, one of the Judges of the Court of Claims. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1881. [Large 8vo. pp. 515.]

A Contribution to the study of Fractures and Dislocations. Read before the N. H. Medical Society, June 24, 1881. By John Randolph Ham, M.D., of Dover. Concord: Evans & Sleeper, Printers, Capitol Street. 1881. [8vo. pp. 9.]

In Memoriam. William E. DuBois, Assayer of the United States Mint and Curator of the Cabinet. Philadelphia: Privately Printed. 1881. [Sq. 8vo. pp. 8.]

Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration. Compiled from material in possession of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor. . . . By Carroll D. Wright, Chief. Boston: Rand, Avery & Co., Printers to the Commonwealth, 117 Franklin St. 1881. [8vo. pp. 173.]

Address at the Eighteenth Session of the Pomological Society held in Boston, Mass.,

Sept. 14, 15, 16, 1881. By Marshall P. Wilder, President of the Society. Published by the Society. 1881. [8vo. pp. 32.]

The Assassinated Presidents, Lincoln and Garfield. A memorial address at Centre Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana, the day of President Lincoln's funeral, April 19, 1865. Also a memorial address at the Court House, Crawfordsville, Indiana, the day of President Garfield's funeral, Sept. 26, 1881. By Joseph F. Tuttle, President of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.: Review Steam Book and Job Printers. 1881. [8vo. pp. 18.]

A Discourse on the death of James Abram Garfield, President of the United States, delivered in Pawtucket Church, Lowell, and also in the Centre Church, Dracut, Mass., Sept. 25, 1881. By the Rev. Elias Nason, A.M., pastor of those churches. Boston, Mass.: Moses H. Sargent & Sons. 1881. [8vo. pp. 16.]

Psalm xxxvii. 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. A Sermon by the Rev. C. D. Bradley, . . . Sunday, Sept. 25, 1881, the first Sunday after the death of Hon. James A. Garfield, LL.D., President of the United States. Boston: Press of Nathan Sawyer & Son, 70 State Street. 1871. [8vo. pp. 24.]

In Memoriam. James Abram Garfield, President of the United States of America, shot July 2, 1881. Died Sept. 19, 1881. A Sermon preached Sept. 25, 1881, by Mortimer Blake, pastor of the Winslow Church, Taunton, Mass., and printed by request. [8vo. pp. 8.]

## II. Other Publications.

Our Dead President: a Sermon preached in the Westminster Congregational Church, Providence, R. I., Sunday, Sept. 25, 1881, by Augustus Woodbury. Providence: Sidney S. Rider. 1881. [8vo. pp. 19.]

Hope in Sorrow: a Sermon preached in the Beneficent Congregational Church, Sunday morning, Sept. 25, 1881, by James G. Vose, D.D. Providence: Sidney S. Rider. 1881. [8vo. pp. 17.]

In Memoriam. Hon. James A. Garfield, the twentieth president of the United States. A discourse by the Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, D.D., Sept. 25, 1881. Published by request. Harrisburg, Pa.: Telegraph Printing and Binding Establishment. 1881. [8vo. pp. 16.]

The President's Death: a Discourse delivered in the West Church on Sunday, the 25th of September. By C. A. Bartol, Boston: A. Williams & Co. 1881. [8vo. pp. 18.]

The Death of President Garfield, its disappointments, compensations and lessons. A sermon preached Sabbath morning, September 25, 1881, by George S. Chambers, pastor of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa. Published by request. Harrisburg: Lane S. Hart, Printer. 1881. [8vo. pp. 20.]

A Sermon commemorative of the Life and Public Services of James Abram Garfield, President of the United States, preached in the Congregational Church at Litchfield, Conn., September 25, 1881. By Rev. Allan Mc Lean. Printed by request. Hartford, Conn.: The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co. Print. 1881. [8vo. pp. 12.]

A Sermon suggested by the Death of President Garfield, and delivered in the ordinary course of religious service in the first Parish Meeting-House, Ipswich, Mass., September 25, 1881. By Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, Pastor. Boston: Lyman Rhodes & Co., Printers, 75 Essex Street. 1881. [8vo. pp. 16.]

Vol. I. New Series. Part 2. Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society at the semi-annual meeting held in Boston, April 27, 1881. [Seal.] Worcester: Press of Charles Hamilton, 311 Main Street. 1881. [8vo. pp. 119-302.]

One hundred and fifty-first Annual Report of the directors of the Redwood Library and Athenaeum, Newport, R. I., to the proprietors, submitted Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1881. Newport: Davis & Pitman, Book and Job Printers. 1881. [8vo. pp. 22.]

Alexander Hamilton Vinton. A memorial sermon preached at Emmannel Church, Boston, Sunday evening, May 15, 1881, and at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, Sunday morning, May 29, 1881. By Phillips Brooks, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston. Boston: A. Williams & Company, Old Corner Bookstore. 1881. [8vo. pp. 46.]

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There is no denying that St. Clair has stood in the minds of the American people, both in his own day and since, for a very disappointing character. He was unsuccessful at Quebec in 1776; he lost the post of Ticonderoga in 1777, to the unmeasured dissatisfaction and dismay of the whole country; and in 1791 his army of defence was routed near the head waters of the Wabash, by the Indians, who were threatening the North-western Territory. This last disaster laid that whole territory open to a four years' reign of terror, till the quieting of the savages in 1795. Appointed governor of that territory in 1788, he was in constant disagreement with the judges, and his relations with the general assembly were frequently so strained as to obstruct the necessary communication.<sup>1</sup> More than sixty years, however, have elapsed since his death, and the publication of these papers putting us in possession of far more accurate knowledge than we have hitherto had concerning him, makes it not improper to re-open the evidence.

This has been done by Mr. Smith, the editor of these volumes, which, as indicated above, include St. Clair's correspondence, official papers, and other collateral papers, and minutes of the successive annual sessions of the territorial government, 1788-1802.<sup>2</sup> Prefixed to the papers also is a summarized record of St. Clair's whole career,

<sup>1</sup> "St. Clair Papers," v. i. p. 223.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Smith has also incorporated into the work portions of the valuable Harmar and Worthington papers, which throw no little light on the subject.

now for the first time authentically prepared. Mr. Smith's work gives evidence of a thorough study of the subjects in all their bearings, and renders the publication one of the most important of recent contributions to American history. With great patience and a reasonable freedom from bias, he has presented the facts for candid consideration; and he has well nigh vindicated St. Clair from the most of what the public has had to urge in his condemnation, at the same time strikingly indicating the unremitting sinister fortune which attended him.<sup>1</sup>

His military career cannot here be examined, though this work invests it with fresh interest, and is, in fact, likely to awaken fresh controversy. The chief interest of these papers lies in the light they throw on the beginnings of government in the North-western Territory,<sup>2</sup> with which he was so thoroughly identified as its governor during its first fourteen years. It should be remembered that the war of independence was fought to its close chiefly by colonists inhabiting the thin fringe of settlements along the Atlantic coast; and that when the treaty of peace in 1783 gave to the just fledged nation lands limited not by the Alleghanies but by the Mississippi,<sup>3</sup> it was a wholly new conception,—almost a revelation,—to the larger part of the American people. Lord Bacon, in his essay on "Honour," was not lacking in his usual discernment in putting "founders of states and commonwealths" "in the first place." Those who laid the foundations of this territory, both in establishing the ordinance, and in administering the government under it, have no inferior claim to honor, though not of course to be compared with the founders of the original colonies.

The ordinance of 1787 has had the fortune to be ascribed to more than one public man of that period. The chief, though undeserved honor, of originating its essential provisions was for many years given to Mr. Dane,<sup>4</sup> a delegate from Massachusetts to the congress of the confederation. As recently as 1856 it has been maintained<sup>5</sup> that Mr. Jefferson was chiefly responsible for it. In 1876, however, Mr. W. F. Poole brought forward conclusive evidence<sup>6</sup> to show that the real originator was Dr. Cutler, of Massachusetts, not himself a member of congress, but personally interested in the settlements on the Ohio, and consequently bringing his influence to bear on congress. What Mr. Poole has thus demonstrated will stand; yet the result of Mr. Smith's investigations<sup>7</sup> is to bring still another figure into prominence in connection with it, and this is St. Clair himself.<sup>8</sup> He was at this very time president of congress, had been conversant with the successive movements towards this legislation, and, as Dr. Cutler's diary<sup>9</sup> shows, had been in consultation with him and others representing the interests of the settlers. An important part of the ordinance as adopted, Mr. Smith attributes to him.<sup>10</sup>

But he was to have a still more intimate connection with that territory. To him was almost immediately entrusted<sup>11</sup> the practical work of bringing this wilderness into the condition of a civilized community. To realize the almost incredible drudgery, financial loss, deprivations and personal misrepresentations which this involved,

<sup>1</sup> The injustice of congress in neglecting to allow his just financial claim is well known.

<sup>2</sup> The whole of vol. 2 is concerned with this topic.

<sup>3</sup> By far the most lucid statement of the extent and relations of the various parcels of land forming this great public domain is to be found in H. B. Adams's monograph on "Maryland's influence in founding a national commonwealth." (No. 11, Fund publications, Maryland Historical Society.) One of the desiderata in our historical literature is certainly a "History of the territorial development of the United States." It is gratifying to know that this work is likely to be undertaken by a New England student of history.

<sup>4</sup> See, for instance, Mr. Webster's "Works," v. 3, p. 262-44.

<sup>5</sup> By Gov. Edward Coles, in his pamphlet on "The history of the ordinance of 1787."

<sup>6</sup> "Dr. Cutler and the ordinance of 1787," by W. F. Poole. First printed in the *North American Review*, April, 1876.

<sup>7</sup> "St. Clair Papers," v. 1, p. 118-36, where the facts in the case are discussed. See also v. 2, p. 602-17, where the proceedings in the congress are reprinted from original publications.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. Smith's treatment of the question of "authorship" is very satisfactory. He briefly indicates all the accessible information, as it relates to St. Clair, Cutler, Dane, Jefferson, King, Carrington and others, but reaches this very sensible conclusion: "Surely there was not one, but many authors." (Vol. 1, p. 135.) For much that is of interest relating to the slavery question, see v. 1, p. 121-23, 131-34, 205-6; v. 2, p. 313, 598.

<sup>9</sup> Dr. Cutler's diary and papers still remain unpublished, owing to reasons not very satisfactory, as Mr. Poole points out. (*North American Review*, v. 122, p. 264.)

<sup>10</sup> See v. 1, p. 131.

<sup>11</sup> The ordinance was passed July 27, 1787; St. Clair was chosen governor Oct. 5, 1787; he formally took charge of the government July 15, 1788.

one must read the correspondence itself. Nor is there space to do more than glance at some of the points of issue between the governor and the various opposing parties. St. Clair held that the ordinance itself prescribed the sources whence the territorial laws were to be drawn;<sup>1</sup> moreover, when certain acts had been passed contrary to this view, he secured legislation from congress authorizing repeal;<sup>2</sup> in 1795, on the revision of the laws, so well did he adapt the provisions of previous legislation and of the common law of England<sup>3</sup> to the specific purposes of the territorial system, that, in the language of a recent Chief Justice of the United States, "it may be doubted whether any colony, at so early a period after its first establishment, ever had one so good."<sup>4</sup> His attitude towards the creation of new counties,<sup>5</sup> the establishment of new officers and the adoption of the state form of government, was one of wise conservatism,<sup>6</sup> a trait not excessively common in border settlements. To his political wisdom and firmness, as we can now see (and as it was impossible that his contemporaries should see), the succeeding generations are indebted for the substantial foundations of their institutions.

On the bitterness of party politics these papers throw unexpected light. The question of admitting Ohio as a state was discussed from the consideration whether it would be an accession to the federalist or republican side,<sup>7</sup> just such a question in fact as the "Kansas-Nebraska" question fifty years later. Towards the end of his administration, the opposition to Gov. St. Clair took on an almost purely political significance; and his removal from office in 1802 was only a part of the general movement which resulted in the complete overthrow of the federalists, and brought the Jefferson party everywhere into power. "The very midsummer days of party passion" were these—to use the editor's very apt expression<sup>8</sup>—and his remark is abundantly borne out by some of the correspondence here printed. One of St. Clair's own letters<sup>9</sup> would well serve as an example. Nor was this the only respect in which Gov. St. Clair failed to exhibit the highest prudence;<sup>10</sup> and no one is likely ever to claim for him genius of the highest rank. Yet he was, as we can now see, in instance after instance, a most faithful and serviceable, though not a brilliant public servant. St. Clair deserved well of his country. His own day was indeed "the day of small things" for that North-western Territory of which he affectionately (and not improperly) styled himself "the father,"<sup>11</sup> but within its limits are now included the five powerful states, whose united population in 1880 comprised more than 11,000,000 of our total 50,000,000; and here are also situated eight out of the thirty-five cities whose population exceeds 50,000. By the re-apportionment bill of the present year, these five states will have in congress 74 representatives out of 325. Nor will it be forgotten that, within a little more than twenty years, four presidents have been chosen from their limits. It is no less fitting than creditable that these valuable papers should have been given to the public through the agency and at the expense of the state government of Ohio, the earliest of the five to have a separate organization.<sup>12</sup>

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*The EVELYNS in America. Compiled from Family Papers and other Sources. 1808-1805. Edited and Annotated by G. D. SCULL. Printed for Private Circulation by Parker & Co., Oxford, England, 1881. 8vo. pp. 392. 250 copies only printed.*

The various papers that have been published through the instrumentality of Mr. Scull upon subjects relating to our country, led us to look forward with pleasure

<sup>1</sup> "St. Clair Papers," v. 2, pp. 72-78.

<sup>2</sup> "St. Clair Papers," v. 1, p. 188.

<sup>3</sup> St. Clair was educated at the University of Edinburgh.

<sup>4</sup> Chief Justice Chase. See his "Preliminary sketch," prefixed to the "Statutes of Ohio and of the North-western Territory," 1833. See also "St. Clair Papers," v. 2, p. 353-53.

<sup>5</sup> See, for instance, v. 2, p. 477-79.

<sup>6</sup> See v. 2, p. 417-20, 482-83, 550.

<sup>7</sup> "St. Clair Papers," v. 1, p. 238.

<sup>8</sup> Do., v. 2, p. 571.

<sup>9</sup> Do., v. 2, p. 599-601.

<sup>10</sup> See, for instance, p. 375-78 of Judge Jacob Burnet's "Notes on the early settlement of the North-western Territory," a work second only to these volumes, perhaps, in its importance as relating to the subject. Mr. Smith, who everywhere mentions Burnet's impartiality with the utmost respect, has quoted a part of this chapter from Burnet (St. Clair Papers, v. 1, p. 231-34), but not all.

<sup>11</sup> "St. Clair Papers," v. 2, p. 593.

<sup>12</sup> The typographical errors are not numerous, nor do they in general affect the sense. "Indian Territory," however (v. 2, p. 546), should plainly be "Indiana Territory."



toward the perusal of this, his latest compilation, and as we have read it, we could but thank him for furnishing to us so much information relating to the early history of our country.

The volume opens with an account of George Evelyn, his arrival at Kent Island, his apparent support of William Claiborne, his subsequent usurpation, and his final subserviency to the government of Maryland, in payment for which he receives the title of Lord of the Manor of Evelinton. The subsequent sad fate of the infant settlement, owing to his treachery and neglect, its revolt and submission to Lord Baltimore, form an interesting narrative, which has been exhumed by Mr. Scull from the depositions taken in Virginia in 1640, and which are still preserved in the State Paper Office in London. Following this we have a reprint of a "Description of the Province of New Albion," which was originally published in 1648, and was in 1837 reprinted by that indefatigable bibliophile, Peter Force.

The most interesting of all articles in the book to New Englanders are the Letters of William Glanville Evelyn, from the fact that they were written by this young gentleman when he was serving his country as Captain in the King's Own, during the early portion of the Revolutionary War. It seems indeed marvellous that at this period of our existence as a nation, the old musty letters of an English country house should add their contribution to the facts of history, and be placed side by side with the old documents of our early patriots. The letters bring vividly to our minds this handsome English youth, with his intense loyalty, his love of Old England, his strong prejudice against New England and America, and show how with the same devotion to country which nerved our ancestors, he walked the path of his duty to Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill. Little did he imagine as he camped on Boston Common and indited these letters, so full of tender pathos and trusting love to the dear ones over the water, that a hundred years should pass away and those letters be read by the descendants of those who were then about him, but for whose opinion and bravery he had the utmost contempt. He was never to return. On the 18th of October, 1776, at the skirmish at Throg's Neck, he was killed while in the van of the assault, and his body buried in an unknown grave in the city of New York.

The letters of Colonel Harcourt, also written from America at a later period, 1776-7, are interesting, and furnish material hitherto unattainable.

The letters of Capt. John Montrésor, who was an engineer in the service of the crown not only during the Revolution, but who was present at the taking of Louisbourg in 1758, and at Quebec the year following, are replete with valuable and interesting facts. This gentleman was appointed by George III. chief-engineer of America in 1776. He marched from Boston with Lord Percy towards Lexington, and was of service, if we may judge from his own statement, in securing the bridge across the Charles River at Cambridge, thus preventing the grenadiers and light infantry from being cut off by the American forces pursuing. He relates that during his residence in Boston he was twice in danger of being assassinated by rebels, once by Doctor Cooper and once by Samuel Dyer. For nearly a quarter of a century this man acted as an engineer, a profession in which his father had seen distinguished service before him. The readers of the REGISTER will remember the very interesting account of his journey from Quebec across Maine in 1760, which was communicated by Mr. Scull to the January number of this magazine.

The only regret we experience in regard to this book is its rareness. It will be impossible for the readers who are interested in historical matters to get a sight of it, unless within the precincts of some library. We trust that the benefit of Mr. Scull's researches will not be denied to the reading public, and that a trade edition will be printed, for it is a pity that a compilation so replete with valuable historical memoranda should be within the reach of comparatively a few readers.

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*Verrazano the Explorer: Being a Vindication of his Letter and Voyage, with an Examination of the Map of Hieronimo da Verrazano, and a Dissertation upon the Globe of Vlipus. To which is prefixed a Bibliography of the subject.* By B. F. DE COSTA. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. 1890. Royal 8vo. pp. 82. With Portraits, Maps and Illustrations.

It has passed into general history, into school books and encyclopedias, that Giovanni da Verrazano, a Florentine navigator, discoverer and adventurer "of good family," made a voyage to North America while in the service of King Francis I., of France, in 1524, during which he sailed along the Atlantic coast and described New

England. A letter giving an account of this voyage and describing the country visited, was first printed in Italian in 1556. It was embraced in a collection of voyages published by Giovanni (or Giambattista) Ramusio, a distinguished Italian author, Secretary of the Council of Venice, ambassador and traveller, who died in 1557. This letter described a voyage along the Atlantic coast from latitude 34° to 50°. Accepted as authentic, as the relation of an actual voyage of discovery, it has formed a part of early history, unquestioned in its genuineness, for a period of more than three hundred years, and Verrazano has been spoken of by all historians as the earliest French explorer of our coast, and possibly the first to enter New York bay. In 1863 the late Mr. Buckingham Smith, while U. S. Consul to one of the ports near Madrid, and while engaged in investigations concerning early Spanish voyages to America, the results of which were published after his death in the elegant edition of his "Relation of Cabeça de Vaca;" discovered in the Spanish archives documents, which led him to hold serious doubts as to the authenticity of this narrative generally attributed to Verrazano. The results of his inquiries were embodied by Mr. Smith in a paper read before the New York Historical Society in 1864, and printed in that year. This was followed in 1871 by a paper read before the American Geographical Society by Mr. J. Carson Brevoort, who took the opposite view of the subject, maintaining the genuineness of the Verrazano letter, and defending its authority with great skill, learning and ingenuity. Four years later the Hon. Henry C. Murphy, in a work devoted to the Voyage of Verrazano [New York, 1875, 8vo. pp. 196], gave his reasons for believing the letter a fabrication "introduced by Ramusio into his collection without proper scrutiny." This fraudulent or spurious letter is by no one of these learned investigators attributed to Verrazano, but to some one of his countrymen anxious to secure for Italy the glory more credibly belonging to Estevan Gomez, a Portuguese, who went as chief pilot with Magellan and has the credit of visiting the coast of Carolina in 1525. The above named monographs were reviewed in the REGISTER [vol. xxx. p. 130] for January, 1876, by the Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, in which the various points brought under discussion to prove the spurious nature of the letter, were very understandingly stated, and the conclusions of Mr. Murphy emphatically endorsed. At this point in the controversy regarding the authenticity of the Verrazano letter, the author of the elaborate monograph under notice came forward with a modest little sixteen page tract, so small as to have hardly been noticed but by the most painstaking reader and collector, entitled "Verrazano: A Motion for the Stay of Judgment," reprinted from the columns of a local newspaper, and published anonymously. From that time (1876), Mr. De Costa seems to have made this letter and voyage the subject of prolonged special investigation and study—not only by an examination of all sources of information in our own country, but by a diligent study of the treasures of foreign archives. As in his "Stay of Judgment" Mr. De Costa brings an acute insight and rare knowledge of early American explorations to bear upon the subject, showing the weaknesses of the charges made against the letter, so in this last and more full examination does he carry out in the minutest detail the careful scrutiny of the unprejudiced, impartial historian, but a historian who thoroughly believes in the true theory of his case. The essays making up this unique volume are as follows: I. The Letter of Verrazano; II. The Voyage of Verrazano; III. The Verrazano Map; IV. The Globe of Vapius. They have previously appeared in the pages of the *Magazine of American History*, and are therefore well known to historical students, who will doubly prize them in the completed form in which they now appear. We need not go over in detail the ground traversed. It is sufficient to say that each chapter displays the ripe scholarship, patient investigation, faithfulness to detail, and abundant fairness and impartiality which have ever characterized whatever Mr. De Costa has trusted to public judgment. If all cannot agree with him that the voyage, and letter, and map, are fully established and vindicated as historic realities, severally supported as true after the severest tests, we are sure no unprejudiced, intelligent reader who has carefully followed Mr. De Costa through pages so abundantly fortified by ample historic illustration and reference, but will say he has made out a wonderfully strong case, one which is an honor to historic inquiry, and upon which he may safely rest his claims to high recognition as a judicious, painstaking, careful and accurate interpreter of difficult historical problems.

Much may be said in praise of the attractive style in which the work is issued, and the interesting illustrations that embellish it. The paper is heavy, the margin liberal, the edges uncut. There are two portraits, four large maps, a map of the Vapius globe of 1542, and five smaller illustrations (maps, autographs, inscriptions,

etc.) in the text. The larger illustrations are very finely executed, and add greatly to the value of the work. As an Introduction we have a Bibliography of Verrazano, which gives a very satisfactory *resumé* of the entire controversy, with complete references to all that has been published from 1556 to 1881. It may be explained that in transcribing the title we use the date of the regular title-page (1880) rather than that of the cover, which is 1881, though as matter of fact we believe the work was not issued until 1882.

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*Memorial of Henry Wolcott, one of the first Settlers of Windsor, Connecticut, and of some of his Descendants.* By SAMUEL WOLCOTT. Printed for Private Distribution. New York: Anson D. F. Randolph and Company. 1881. 4to. pp. xviii.+439.

One of the most sumptuous volumes to be found in the department of American family history and genealogy, is the *Wolcott Memorial*. The chief facts pertaining to the origin of the volume are as follows. Many years since, J. Huntington Wolcott of Boston, Frederick H. Wolcott of New York city, and Charles M. Wolcott of Fishkill, N. Y. (brothers, and sons of Judge Frederick Wolcott, formerly of Litchfield, Conn.), commissioned their kinsman, George Gibbs, Esq., of New York city, to prepare a work of this general character. He had commenced the task, had gathered to a considerable extent the materials to form a book, when, removing to Oregon, the editorial care of the compilation was passed over to Rev. Samuel Wolcott, D.D., now of Cleveland, Ohio. He had previously been the helper of Mr. Gibbs in the gathering of the family records, and understood thoroughly the purposes and aims of the proposed volume. After many years from the inception of the enterprise, the work now appears in such solid richness of paper, letter-press, family engravings and binding as makes it a delight to the eye and the mind. The delay has given time for the gradual embellishment and correction of the text, until the work is in all respects as nearly perfect as time, money, artistic skill and scholarship could make it. Only 300 copies of the book were published, and none of these were for sale. About sixty of them have been given to the leading public libraries of the country, and the others were set apart for individuals, generally of the family kindred.

The work is very properly called a Memorial. It is not designed to be a full genealogy of the Wolcott family in America, and yet it is quite largely genealogical, and the lines which are traced are given with great exactness and care. Nor is it designed to contain a complete and continuous family history. Some of the prominent members of the family, men who have honorably filled high public stations, have their records presented with a good degree of fullness. Though the book is of large and generous proportions, yet the field to be traversed was so extended that the narrative had, of necessity, to be limited and fragmentary.

Henry Wolcott, the earliest American ancestor of the family, was one of the chief men of the Warham and Maverick company that came to the Massachusetts Bay in the opening summer of 1630, and established itself first at Dorchester. The spot is yet pointed out in Dorchester where Henry Wolcott had his home during the few years of his stay in that town. In 1635 the purpose was formed for the removal of the company from Dorchester to Windsor, Connecticut, and during that and the following year this purpose was carried into effect. This company numbered many honorable men, but no one among them was of higher family rank, according to English ideas of dignity, than Henry Wolcott. Better, however, than mere rank was his truly noble christian character, making him worthy to be the father of a high, strong, manly race. The generations from this founder which have trod the American soil through the two hundred and fifty years that have now passed, have retained to a remarkable degree the strength, the dignity and force which characterized their early progenitors.

A most notable man of this stock in the early years, was Roger Wolcott, born in 1679, son of Simon and Martha (Pitkin) Wolcott, and grandson of the founder. Simon Wolcott with his large family moved from the west to the east side of Connecticut River, afterwards the town of East Windsor, in 1680, when the boy Roger was only a year old. Here every thing was new. For some years after this there was no school or church on this territory, and the child grew to be a youth without ever attending school a day in his life. Yet such were the home influences and such the native force and genius of the boy, that he rose by degrees to be one of the most conspicuous figures on the New England stage. Beginning with the humble but hon-

orable office of selectman, he passed on rapidly to be justice of the peace; representative to the General Assembly; commissary of the Connecticut stores in the expedition against Canada in 1711; member of the Governor's Council; Judge of the County Court; one of the Judges of the Superior Court; Deputy Governor of the Colony of Connecticut; Chief Justice of the Superior Court; commander of the Connecticut troops in the expedition against Cape Breton in 1745, when he received his commission as Major General of the Army; and last of all he was chosen Colonial Governor in 1750, in his seventy-second year. Yet this man, passing through this long gradation of offices and honors, was, in no sense, an office seeker, but rather a humble and devout christian, loving retirement and religious meditation; rejoicing when the day at last came that he could lay aside these public trusts and enjoy the quiet of his home. Withal he was a writer upon the public topics of that day, and one of the subjects which engaged his pen was a plea for the liberty of the Congregational Churches as against the oppressive features of the Saybrook Platform. Moreover, he was a poet of no mean parts for that period. He wrote poems, long and short, in which he showed that his ear was attuned to numbers. He died at the great age of eighty-nine.

We have dwelt somewhat at length upon this man, for we regard him as one of the most remarkable personages of the early New England generations.

He was not only great in himself, but he was the father of a noted family. Among his sons were Oliver Wolcott, member of the Continental Congress, and signer of the Declaration, as also Governor of Connecticut; Erastus Wolcott, Judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut, and Brigadier General in the War of the Revolution; and Alexander Wolcott, a distinguished physician and surgeon, prominent by his services in the revolutionary army. One of the daughters, Ursula Wolcott, married Matthew Griswold, Governor of Connecticut, and a son of hers was Roger Griswold, also Governor of the state, besides filling almost every high public office in the gift of the people.

Coming down to later generations, we have a second Oliver Wolcott, son of the first, Governor of the state, member of Congress, &c. The youngest brother of the last named was Judge Frederick Wolcott, who died at Litchfield, Conn., in 1837, father of the three honorable gentlemen through whose munificence we have the beautiful volume before us. We might mention other distinguished names, but we must forbear. Enough has been said to show that this is not a work of vain-glory, but is the record of a family which, by its distinguished merits, is worthy of this rich setting.

The ancestral home of this family for several generations was, as already implied, at East Windsor, Ct., chiefly in that part of the town now known as South Windsor. The first Oliver Wolcott, son of Gov. Roger, removed to Litchfield, Conn., after he came to man's estate, and several of the honored persons mentioned in the foregoing narrative, belong, by birth and education, to Litchfield. During this present century the name has gone out, both from East Windsor and Litchfield, in various directions and to distant parts of the country.

It is a noticeable fact that while the Ellsworth family constituted the most honored household in that part of the ancient Windsor lying upon the west side of the Connecticut River, the Wolcott family held that position on the east side, where it was, for many years, intimately associated with the Rev. Timothy Edwards and his large family, including his illustrious son Jonathan. Gov. Roger Wolcott and his children were parishioners of Mr. Edwards, and were among the most devout and church-going people of his large flock.

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*The Horticulture of Boston and Vicinity.* By MARSHALL P. WILDER. Boston: Tolman & White, Printers. 1881. 8vo. pp. 85. Privately Printed.

The long life of our venerable president has been marked through its whole course by a series of good works, the one following the other as year succeeded year; but it will be difficult to point out anything that he has done where he has more successfully combined the *utile* with the *dulce*, than he has in his late work entitled *The Horticulture of Boston and the Vicinity*; written for the "Memorial History of Boston."

Here he has furnished us with a chronological list of all the gardeners and of all the gardens from Governor Endicott down, including so many famous names that one is inclined to disbelieve the oft-repeated assertion as to the starched and crabbed nature of the pilgrims and those immediately succeeding them.

Winthrop, Blackstone, Dudley, Sewall, Hutchinson and Bowdoin, were all lovers and cultivators of choice fruits and flowers, and after them comes a long list of names that have been household words for the last four generations in and around Boston.

It is fortunate also that we have ocular demonstration of the truth of what we read, for Smibert, Blackburn and Copley were all lovers of fruit and flowers, and frequently introduced them into the portraits of the beauties of their times.

The whole book, to those of us who remember vividly some of the best gardens of fifty years ago, is most interesting, and to future horticulturists will be of inestimable value. The style, too, is redolent with the freshness of the early summer morning, the beautiful sky, the velvet grass, the glint of running water, the growing fruits, and the enchanting flowers, are here brought before us as the work of a brain that has a vital enthusiasm for them, and that has worked for and among them with a real labor of love.

I fancy many of us rise from the perusal of this work feeling as the poet Marvill did when he says—

“ Ripe apples drop about my head,  
The luscious clusters of the vine  
Upon my mouth do crush their wine.  
The nectarine and curious peach  
Into my hands themselves do reach.  
Stumbling on melons as I pass,  
Insnares with flowers I fall on grass.”

*By Augustus T. Perkins, A.M., of Boston.*

*Chicago Antiquities, Comprising original Relations, Letters and Notes pertaining to Early Chicago. Embellished with Views, Portraits, Autographs, &c.* By HENRY HURLBUT. Chicago: Printed for the Author. 1881. 8vo. pp. 673. Price, \$7.50. Address Miss Hattie Hurlbut, 44 So. Ann Street, Chicago, Ill.

The title “Antiquities” seems strange enough when we remember that it applies to a city whose most remote antiquity is covered by a century, and our surprise broadens to a smile when we pass to the first illustration, which is no less than the picture of Mrs. Whistler, a venerable and sprightly lady of 88 years, who was still living (1875) in Newport, Kentucky. Mrs. W. was born in Salem, Mass., in 1787. Her maiden name was Julia Ferson. She married, in 1802, Lieut. William Whistler, of the U. S. Army, and when in 1803 his father, Capt. John Whistler, was sent with his company to build a fort (Fort Dearborn) on the present site of Chicago, the young bride of sixteen years accompanied the soldier-pioneers and was thus one of the first founders and settlers. A picture of Lieut. Whistler follows on next page, and a short sketch of the Whistler family, preceded however by a few Extracts of the early laws of the City, and a “City Register and Business Directory for 1839” forms a fitting prelude to the whole work. The author clearly states in the Introduction that he intends the “compilation of a series of pamphlets relating to the early history of Chicago,” and his whole work is so far from the usual stereotyped form of histories, and so almost audaciously unique in style and arrangement, that you must stop from time to time and remember that it is made in the west, and compiled with true western freedom, in order to appreciate its excellent points. A vast number of old MSS. Schedules, Lists of Names, Autographs, Sketches of eminent Men and their families, Celebrated Indians, their Wars and Treaties, Portraits, Maps and Plates, all which, connected with a racy, running commentary from a free and easy pen, make up the body of the work, and furnish one of the most entertaining and at the same time valuable historical books yet published. It is executed in the best style of typographical art: and best of all, this great storehouse of historical and genealogical information is rendered readily available by an excellent index, the lack of which has spoiled so many otherwise really valuable works.

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*Princeton Theological Seminary General Catalogue.* 1881. Trenton, N. J.: William S. Sharp, Printer and Stereotyper. 1881. Royal 8vo. pp. 330.

The Theological Seminary at Princeton, New Jersey, is only three or four years younger than that at Andover. The whole number of candidates for the ministry who have pursued their studies at this institution since its commencement in 1812, has been 3464. To compass such a multitude of men, telling the places and dates of their birth, the colleges where they were graduated, their previous oc-

cupations, their subsequent places of settlement, their honorary degrees and the names of the colleges that conferred them, the dates and places of death for such as are deceased—this is a task of the most enormous proportions. Yet this is what is attempted in this weighty compend, and successfully accomplished. Not that everything is absolutely perfect. It is impossible that it should be so. But the work is so grand in its proportions, and so full and accurate in its details, that its issue marks, in some sense, a new era in the way of catalogue making. There are some new features in this work. As it was deemed desirable to present the names of all who have been connected with the institution—even those whose stay was very short—the date pointing to each man is not the date of his graduation, but of his entrance or matriculation. The length of time each one was severally connected with the seminary, and whether or not he was graduated, is briefly indicated in the course of his record.

We have had excellent general catalogues of some of our seminaries before this. The Divinity School of New Haven published one several years ago, remarkably full and accurate. The Union Theological Seminary in New York city has furnished one of a high order. Andover has had a creditable Triennial Catalogue in years past, and will have a far better one, it is to be hoped, when its present enterprise in this line is completed. Auburn Seminary in New York is also at work upon one that will, without doubt, do honor to its compilers. The Hartford Theological Seminary has just issued a very good General Catalogue. But, at this writing, it must be conceded that this catalogue of Princeton bears the palm. And we can say this without saying that the system on which it is constructed is better than others. Upon this point we confess to some doubts; while we cannot doubt as to the immense industry and patience by which this work has been done, nor its exceeding value to all who are engaged in lines of ecclesiastical investigation.

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*Foxborough's Official Centennial Record, Saturday, June 29, 1878.* Published by authority of the Town Centennial Committee. 1879. 8vo. pp. 248.

The town of Foxborough completed, June 29, 1878, one hundred years of its municipal life. It is eminently appropriate and fitting that the words spoken on that day should be preserved in a permanent form. The volume before us not only serves as a souvenir of that interesting event, but furnishes material which will some time be a basis for a good town history. Many valuable facts in regard to the past are here brought together, and much information hinted at, which can be developed and enlarged upon in after time.

This publication contains an account of the preliminary steps taken by the committee to render the celebration a success. The names of the various sub-committees, the order of exercises, and a full account of all the incidents and accidents of the occasion. From the historical address of the Hon. E. P. Carpenter we learn that the modern town of Foxboro' was carved from the towns of Wrentham, Walpole, Stoughton and Stoughtonham, in earlier days the southerly division of the "South Precinct" of Dorchester. The struggles of the early settlers to provide religious and secular education are duly noted. The early land grants are defined, and the gradual growth of its industries and manufactures vividly portrayed. The poet of the day, the Rev. J. T. Pettee, of West Meriden, Conn., gave a pleasing narration, in easy, flowing style, of local events, and the poem is well worth reading, as Horace would say, "ten times repeated." Within the covers of this book is an address, delivered in 1877, by the gentleman who gave the historical address, in which the record of the soldiers during the Revolution is displayed, and historic and traditional light thrown where darkness before existed; also a list of those who fought for their country in the late rebellion is added. Unfortunately no map or index is issued with this book—sad omissions, but there are illustrations which will preserve the form of many an old-time building, and the face of Charles James Fox, for whom the town was named, has been given a prominent place in the book.

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*Annals of King's Chapel, from the Puritan Age of New England to the Present Day.* By HENRY WILDER FOOTE. In Two Volumes. Volume I. Boston: Little, Brown and Company. 1882. 8vo. pp. xviii.+551.

"This work," the Rev. Mr. Foote informs us in his preface, "owes its origin to a series of afternoon discourses on the History of King's Chapel, given by the

author in the course of his parish duty some years ago, at a time when the ill-considered iconoclastic attempts to destroy the scanty remnants of former history surviving in Boston were directed against this historical building, and when it seemed important to revive the knowledge of its place in our local annals." Thanks to the patriotic sentiment of the community, the attacks directed against some of our most prominent monuments of the past have been foiled, and King's Chapel, the Old South Church and the Old State House have thus far been spared to remind us of the times and doings of our fathers. Had they succeeded, even "the Cradle of Liberty," the world-renowned Faneuil Hall, might have been in danger.

Instead of complying at the time with the request of the parish to furnish copies of these discourses for publication, Mr. Foote wisely decided to make them the basis of a full history of the Chapel; and his researches during the intervening years have resulted in producing the most thorough, accurate and interesting history of an American church which we remember to have met with.

The first volume of this work, issued in advance of its companion, brings the annals of his parish down to the year 1747, the close of the rectorship of Roger Price. In it we have an account of the introduction of Episcopacy into Massachusetts, the stronghold of that Puritanism which had so long antagonized it, and a recital of the stirring events which this produced. The chief actors in the political and religious affairs of the province for more than half a century are necessarily brought in review before us; and it is surprising to note how many new facts illustrating the biography and history of New England the persistent research of the author has brought to light, from old documents, newspapers, letters, and other unfamiliar resources. These he has skilfully woven into his narrative, so that we read in his pages the very words of contemporary authorities. The illustrations, as well as the matter, have cost much research. The records of the parish show that in 1733 there were in the Chapel the arms of the sovereign and those of seven distinguished personages connected with its history, whose names are given in the inventory. The original paintings have long since disappeared, but Mr. Foote has succeeded in obtaining for his pages the coats of arms of every person in the list. No pains have been spared to obtain portraits, autographs, and other appropriate illustrations, the lists of which take three pages of the book.

The book is well printed and the engravings are well executed.

*Harlem (City of New York): its Origin and Early Annals. Prefaced by Home Scenes in the Fatherlands; or Notices of its Founders before Emigration. Also Sketches of Numerous Families, and the recovered history of the Land-titles. With Illustrations and Maps.* By JAMES RIKER, Author of *The Annals of Newtown* ... New York: Printed for the Author. 1881. 8vo. cloth, pp. xiv. + 636. Edition limited. Price \$5, or 5.24 by mail. Address James Riker, 80 Nassau Street, Room 2.

This book needs nothing more to assure its sale among those interested in the direct local history which it covers, than the endorsement of Dr. B. J. Loesing, who says, "It is so rare in its contents and so helpful to seekers after genealogies and land titles in that section, that it must command wide public attention." Rev. Dr. Baird, the historian of the Huguenots, writes that he "cannot well express his delight with the noble work—a precious contribution to our American history." There are other points of special interest in this work, some of which give it a particular value to genealogists who are not familiar with the method of Anglicizing patronymics in other than our New England ways; in fact, some of them are as uncertain as English orthography, which has been well characterized as "a dead pull on memory."

Chancellor Walworth, in the article on the Delamater family, written with great care for the REGISTER (vol. xix. pp. 41-47), could not master all the intricacies of such a changeable subject. He supposed Capt. Isaac Delamater was the progenitor of all who bear the name in this country. It appears in Mr. Riker's work, that Glaude le Maistre was father, not only of Isaac but of several other brothers and a sister Hester. Walworth says she married first, Moses De Graaf, and had by him one son, and that she married second, Moses La Conti. She really had but one husband, whose name, when used by descendants from the Dutch, was translated from "Le Comte" into "De Graff." The name of du Puis became Depew in New York and vicinity; in New England it became Dupes. Bensingh became Benson; Michiel Bastiaensen's son was known as Michielsen, and his son Roger Michielsen had children, some of whom took the surname of Reyer, others Michiel; while

principles changed some names, a phonetic change marked differences in others; and this book is a valuable guide to the various changes from whatever causes, and appears to be clear as to consanguinity, however striking the difference in family name.

It would not be surprising if Jean du Puis, the respected elder of the French Protestant Church in Boston, was the son of Nicolas du Puis of Harlem. His paternity has not been discovered, but this book records a son Jean, and we find a person of that name here shortly after the death of Nicolas, arranging for the invitation of the Rev. Pierre Daillé from his parish in New York.

A brief but interesting sketch of this beloved minister is given upon page 376. It appears that he preached in New York and vicinity for thirteen years before he was called to Boston. He sold a house and lot on Broadway seven years after he was settled here. He frequently visited his old parishioners, the last time three years before his death. He was long remembered for his eloquence, excellence and devotion.

The chapters on the movements of the Huguenots in Europe are very interesting, and the author's description of manners and customs in the new settlement have the flavor of Dr. Felt's description of the old times in New England.

By John C. J. Brown, Esq., of Boston.

*The Commemoration Services of the First Parish in Hingham, on the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Building of its Meeting House, Monday, August 8, 1881.* Hingham: Published by the Parish. 1882. 8vo. pp. vi. + 169.

*The Early Religious Customs of New England. An Address at the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Building of the Meeting House in Hingham, Mass., August 8, 1881.* By EDWARD J. YOUNG. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1882. 8vo. pp. 18.

The "Old Meeting House" in Hingham is the oldest house of public worship standing in New England. It was raised on the 26th, 27th and 28th of July, 1681, and the house was completed and opened for public worship January 8, 1681-2. On the 8th of August last the bi-centenary of its erection was celebrated in it by appropriate services. The book whose title is first given above contains the exercises on this occasion. The principal address was by Prof. Charles Eliot Norton. There were also addresses by the Rev. Edward A. Horton, the Rev. Edward J. Young, the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, Ph.D., His Excellency John D. Long, the Hon. Robert R. Bishop, the Rev. Joseph Osgood, the Hon. George B. Loring, the Rev. Eben Francis, the Hon. Thomas Russell, the Rev. Lewis B. Bates, and Mr. Hosea H. Lincoln. Prof. Norton is descended from the Rev. John Norton who was pastor of the church when the building was erected; Gov. Long is a resident of Hingham; Col. Wilder represented as president the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, and Judge Russell the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth; the Rev. Mr. Horton was recently pastor of this church; the Rev. Mr. Osgood is pastor of another church in Hingham; and the Rev. Mr. Young, Mr. Bishop and the Rev. Messrs. Francis and Bates, as is also Col. Wilder, are descended from early Hingham families. Richard Henry Stoddard, a native of Hingham, read a poem written for this celebration. Other original poems were also read. The literary exercises were worthy of the occasion. A notable feature was the introduction, during the exercises, of the church music of various periods since the erection of the meeting house. The book is handsomely printed, and is embellished with a view of the old meeting house and a portrait of the Rev. Calvin Lincoln, the senior pastor, since deceased, both heliotypes.

The second work is a reprint of the Rev. Mr. Young's address, containing an interesting account of the religious customs of the past.

*History of the Town of Milford, Worcester County, Massachusetts. From its First Settlement to 1881.* In Two Parts. Part I.—Strictly Historical. Part II.—Biographic-Genealogical Register. By ADIN BALLOU. Published by the Town. Franklin Press: Rand, Avery, & Co. 1882. 8vo. pp. xviii. + 1154. Price in cloth in 1 volume, \$4, in 2 volumes, \$4.50 a set; in half calf or turkey morocco in one volume, \$2.50, in 2 volumes, \$7. Address J. H. Putnam, Milford, Mass.

We welcome the advent of every new town history as being a valuable addition to the literature of the country, especially when prepared in a careful manner, and rendered attractive like the volume before us.

This work is a handsome octavo, containing nearly twelve hundred pages. It is



divided into two parts and seventeen chapters. The first part contains everything of historical interest pertaining to the town, from the date of the purchase of the land of the Indians in 1662; its history while forming a part of the town of Mendon, and its separation from that town and incorporation into a distinct municipality in 1780; a complete account of its officers, organizations, institutions, societies, educational and ecclesiastical history; and a full representation of the part her citizens took in the several wars. That of the Rebellion of 1861 is given in detail, occupying 75 pages. The rise and progress of her various industries; her population at different periods, &c., are also to be found here.

The second part contains 669 pages of Genealogical Registers of the earliest families, present residents and those who have gone out to people other localities. The whole is a valuable addition to the already numerous genealogical works, as well as an important aid to future compilers of family history. The labor in this department has been immense, occupying several years of time, and no time or expense has been spared to render the work reliable and complete.

There are 39 illustrations, mostly steel portraits, among which is a fine one of the author, and a map prepared expressly for the work.

The town contributed \$4,000 for the publication of this volume, and it is to be congratulated upon having so faithful a chronicler of her history. We hope ere long to see more of this class of town histories.

*By Bradford Kingman, Esq., of Brookline, Mass.*

*Report of the Commissioner of Education for the Year 1878.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1880. 8vo. pp. cc.+730.

*For the Year 1879.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1881. 8vo. pp. ccxxx.+737.

These volumes, besides the report of the United States Commissioner of Education, the Hon. John Eaton, LL.D., contain appendixes of over seven hundred pages each, giving Abstracts of the Official Reports of the School Officers of States, Territories and Cities, with Additional Information from Various Sources.

For the bulk of the matter in these volumes Mr. Eaton has scattered his interrogation points broadcast over the country, and, in due time, he has reaped the harvest of valuable information gathered into the ponderous volumes before us.

New York tells her story in fifteen pages, not counting a host of statistics, while "lovely" Wyoming tells her "desolation," perhaps, in a page and a half. Massachusetts, knowing more, it may be, and having more to say, is accorded eighteen fair pages, and so on through the long list of states and territories, and even a faint response comes from the latest born child Alaska, who is just beginning to talk educationally. It may be interesting to know that Alaska in 1879 contained 9063 inhabitants: 219 Americans, 17 foreigners, over 3000 each Indians and Aleuts, 1416 creoles, and 205 nationality not given. Four schools are reported with over 200 pupils. It is found that "the children have good minds, and are susceptible of a high state of culture." It is impossible in our space to name a tithe of the topics upon which Gen. Eaton has presented valuable information for the teacher, parent, supervisor, or any one interested in the great cause of education.

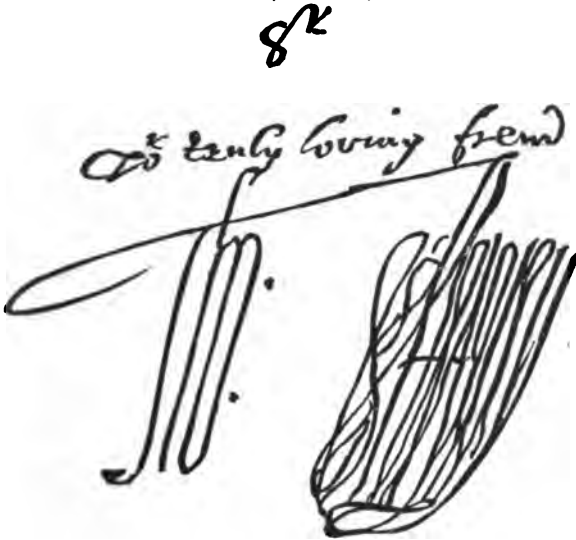
In the Appendix, comprising twenty-four Statistical Tables, covering over 400 pages, we have a vast amount of "facts in figures" that will take a person a month to read and study carefully. One excellent feature of the work we can commend highly. We refer to the obituary notices of eminent teachers who have died throughout the period covered by the reports. Mr. Eaton has given a summary of each book in a broadside of nearly a square yard, in which the essence of the whole subject is found. We notice that there is considerable improvement in the paper, the printing and the binding of the books, over the reports formerly issued by the government.

This Educational Bureau is exerting in a quiet way, by its collection of facts and distribution of documents, an influence upon the cause of sound learning the magnitude of which no one can now guess. Gen. Eaton is now doing for the whole union what Horace Mann did for Massachusetts. We hope that Congress will heed his recommendations of an increase of the permanent force of the office, and that provision will be made for the publication of 15000 copies of the commissioner's report for distribution by the Bureau.

*By George T. Littlefield, Esq., of Boston.*

*An Autographic Puzzle.*

Before the article with this title, giving the reasons of the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop for reading the mysterious autograph, *Tho : Ashley*, was printed in the October number of the REGISTER (xxxv. 385), the editor sent several impressions of the



fac-simile in the margin to Col. Joseph L. Chester, D. C. L., LL. D., of London, with a request for his opinion as to what surname was intended. Col. C. was informed that Spring had been suggested, and that the endorsement of Governor Winthrop looked like Ashley. He replied in a note dated "Ramsgate, Kent, 26 Aug. 1881," but the letter did not reach Boston till the note of Mr. Trask was printed. At Colonel Chester's suggestion we did not print his opinion in the January number, in order to give others a chance

to express their views on the subject before doing so. No opinion or suggestion, however, has yet been received from any one. Col. Chester still adheres to his opinion. He writes, March 4, 1882: "My original conjecture has not been shaken in the least."

Col. Chester writes in his first letter: "Your hieroglyphic signature is a puzzle. I have placed it in the hands of several experts, who say they can do nothing with it, but they invariably reject Spring and Ashley. I formed my own conjecture as to the name, but did not reveal it to either of those to whom I sent the signature until I had their replies. My theory was that the name was *Slainey* or *Slayney*. I enclose a letter from Mr. H. W. King, honorary secretary of the Essex Archaeological Society, for many years one of the inspectors of the Bank of England, from which you will see that he and I differed in only a single letter, he reading the name *Swainey*. I then suggested *Slainey*. I enclose also his reply to that."

Mr. King's first letter is dated "Leigh Hill, Leigh, Essex, 22 Aug. 1881." The following is an extract: "In my opinion the name is *Tho : Swainey*, or perhaps *Swainey*, if we read the N and E in monogram. or as ligatured; but I incline to *Swainey*. I seem to have no doubt about the last four letters; but I stuck fast a long time at the two first. . . . After studying and considering a long while, I have concluded that the tall character is the first letter, and that it is a long S, and that the figure of 8 work which precedes it is mere ornamental flourishing, and with [other flourishes] at top and bottom put in to fill the spaces. The transverse dash which crosses the first three letters but is broken, caused me to hesitate at first, as it seemed from the break to belong to the tall character, and for a long while I thought it even possibly a tall E, but I now conclude it was a dash made with one stroke of the pen merely as the cross to the central letter A. If you notice the dash takes the curve of a single stroke, . . . and the break made arises from an obstruction, such as a knot in the paper now worn off. If I am right in concluding that this is nothing more than the cross stroke of a capital A, for as I read the signature the whole is in capitals, and that all the figure of 8 flourishing is the ornamental tail of the taller S, as any one might make in an eccentric signature, then there seems no difficulty in reading the word *Swainey* or *Swainey*, with preference for the former. . . . There is no objection, however, to the theory that the N and E may be ligatured, because this is actually the case with the *h* and *o* in *Tho*. . . .

"When stuck fast over the autograph, as I was for a long while, I began to start

a theory whether, for secret or political reasons, the signature was not in cypher, for in such case the eccentricity of the writing would have been necessary. Of course, those who have the signature before them have an advantage over you and me, as under a strong lens the crossing of the pen and other points may be seen, which cannot by any possibility be in any printed fac-simile, however accurately reproduced in other respects."

In Mr. King's second letter, dated "24 August, 1881," he writes: "My second venture was the very name you suggest. I had regarded the possibility of the name being Slainy or Slainey, but I abandoned it on the ground that there were too many tall lines for an L, unless a very eccentric one. Then I came to Swainy, though I felt it was an uncommon name, and one that I do not know that I ever met with, though it seems quite a possible one. It seemed to me, that ligatured with the A it made a better W than an L. Before I had quite determined as to flourishing of the initial S, I thought that the flourishing might represent a very eccentric B, and that the tall letter with the dash commencing from it might be a very elongated E, and that the whole name was perhaps Belainy. The name Belainy is known to me. .... That the name is Swainy or Slainy I feel certain. It does not seem possible to make anything else out of it. ... In favor of your conclusion, I concede that Slainy is a more probable name than Swainy. I find in Burke a Sir Stephen Slaney or Slany, Lord Mayor of London 1595, and there are Slaneys of Salop and Worcestershire. Slaney, the Lord Mayor, was of Staffordshire, as it seems."

Col. Chester, after the receipt of the October number of the *REVIEWER* and reading Mr. Winthrop's reasons for thinking the name to be Ashley, wrote under date of 14 Oct. 1881: "I have been pursuing the investigation of the mysterious autograph, and am sorry to say that the opinion of your experts does not agree with those on this side of the water. As I told you, I at once read the name Slainey. Mr. King read it Swainey, but yielded to my reading on further examination. I sent a copy to the best expert at the British Museum, a man of long and great experience, who wrote back: 'I am not quite sure, but I think it is Slainey.' The gentleman most familiar with the writing at the Will Office expressed the same opinion."

"I finally handed a copy to a gentleman who frequents the Public Record Office, asking him to show it to the experts there. I enclose you his post card received yesterday" [which reads: "All that I have shown the signature to are agreed that it is 'Tho. Slaney.' There was, I see, at the time, a Slaney, governor of Newfoundland"].

"All these witnesses have been quite independent of each other, and every one of them said, after Ashley was suggested, that it cannot by any possibility be Ashley or Ashley or Ashby. Still we may all be mistaken and your explanation be the correct one."

I am informed that when Mr. Winthrop's attention was first called to the fac-simile of this autograph published in the *REVIEWER* for July, 1881, he read it Stanley or Stainly, but when the original document was shown him and he found that his ancestor, the governor, to whom the letter was addressed, and who, he could not doubt, must have known his correspondent, had himself endorsed it "Mr. Ashby," or "Mr. Ashly," he felt that he could come to no other conclusion than that this was the name of the writer of the letter. As this endorsement is material to deciding the question, I have had a fac-simile made, which is given in the margin. In the original there is, at the right of the third letter in the surname, a faint line, not reproduced in the fac-simile, which may have been made with a pen, though more likely it is a slight blur from the letters before the ink was dry. If made with a pen it is probably a loop of the letter A. I will add that Mr. Winthrop has had forty years' experience in deciphering the very difficult handwriting of his ancestor, and his reading of the endorsement will be questioned by few. It should be borne in mind that in every other letter to Gov. Winthrop which has such an endorsement, the name endorsed is that of the writer of the letter. It is possible, though I think hardly probable, that the governor did not know the writer.

The original autograph has been examined with a lens. There is no obstruction in the paper to break the cross-line. The pen seems to have been raised from the paper there. The ink is darker in parts of the signature where more ink was in pen. The cross-lines are in dark ink, and so is the flourish at the bottom of the autograph, which appears to have been made last.

*Gov. Bradford's Manuscript History of Plymouth Plantation and its Transmission to our Times.* By JUSTIN WINSOR, Corresponding Secretary Massachusetts Historical Society. Private Edition, Seventy-Five Copies. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1881. 8vo. pp. 18.

This is a reprint from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society of a paper read before it by Mr. Winsor, Nov. 10, 1881. It gives a very interesting history of the manuscript and "its transmission to our times." The reading public is much indebted to Mr. Winsor for his pains in gathering together these facts and placing them on record. In the REGISTER for July 1855, October 1856, and January 1857 (ix. 231-2; x. 353-4; xi. 44), will be found several articles on the discovery and recovery of this manuscript. This affair has caused some controversy, and Mr. Winsor has aimed to give an impartial account of it.

I will take this opportunity to put on record a few facts bearing on this subject with which I am conversant. The late Mr. John S. Barry, while carrying the first volume of his History of Massachusetts through the press, had a number of proofs taken, which he placed in the hands of his friends for their corrections and suggestions. One copy was placed in Mr. Thornton's hands, one in Mr. Drake's, and one in mine. There were others who received them, among whom I think were Dr. N. B. Shurtleff and Dr. Charles Deane. On the afternoon of February 14, 1855, the late J. Wingate Thornton, A.M., took up at Burnham's book-store a copy of the Bishop of Oxford's History of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, which work he had never seen before. In it he found a Manuscript History of the Plymouth Plantation, quoted as being in the Fulham Library. In the quotations he noticed some new facts about the Pilgrims. He purchased the book and took it to his office, where he read it, and, as was his custom, underscored important passages and made annotations. The reference to the Fulham manuscript he not only underscored, but marked with double lines in the margin. A photo-electrotype facsimile of the note as it was marked when loaned to Mr. Barry, is here given:

<sup>1</sup> Ma. History of the Plantation of Plymouth, &c.,—in the  
Fulham Library.  
<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

As Mr. Thornton then had in his hands Mr. Barry's proof of that portion of his history relating to the Mayflower, he determined to draw Mr. Barry's attention to this manuscript, when he called for his proof, so that he might in his book make some reference to it and its new facts. Mr. Thornton was obliged to leave his office before Mr. Barry called, and he left the book in charge of the late John H. Sheppard, A.M., who occupied the same office. I have several times conversed with Mr. Sheppard on the subject. He did not remember whether a note was left with the book or not, but Mr. Barry's attention was called to the manuscript either by the book being open at the place, or a paper being placed there. Mr. Sheppard also verbally called his attention to the matter.

Those who know Mr. Thornton best are convinced that if he had not been so anxious to do a favor to his friend Mr. Barry, he would have written to some correspondent in London, and a mere examination of the manuscript would have revealed that it was the much sought History. His discovery of the Trelawney papers is an evidence of his persistency in following a clew.

*History of Sanbornton, New Hampshire. In Two Volumes. Vol. II. Genealogies.* By REV. M. T. RUNNELS. Boston, Mass.: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers. 1881. 8vo. xiii.+1032.

The History of Sanbornton has been for some years in preparation by the Rev. Moses T. Runnels, pastor of the Congregational Church in that town. The second volume, containing genealogies, is first completed. It is a monumental work. The interest in family history and genealogical investigation, which has been so signally developed in the last half century, and with which our society has had so much to do, has scarcely produced a more characteristic and notable volume. Bond's Wattertown is a classic in this department, and must remain so, although its honored author would have improved its method and structure if he had done his work a generation later. Wyman's Charlestown Genealogies represents well the progress of twenty-five years in this field, and forms another landmark. To those who have not examined the Sanbornton Genealogies it may seem extravagant praise to set this volume in comparison with the great works of Bond and Wyman. But we think it deserves such distinction. It contains more than 1000 solid, well-printed

octavo pages, devoted to the family history of a town whose life covers less than half the period of Charlestown and Watertown, and the population of which has scarcely exceeded 2000 at any time. We think we are safe in saying that there was never a municipality the record of whose family life has been so thoroughly made, from the beginning of its corporate existence to the date of publication, as that which this volume gives of this hill-town of New Hampshire. It includes 23,065 names, grouped under 225 families, many of these including extensive and non-related branches. The family from which the town with great propriety derives its name is the most numerous, occupying 74 pages, and is followed by the Morrisons with 34 pages, the Smiths with 26 pages, the Taylors with 25 pages, and the Clarks with 23 pages. Others, occupying ten pages or more, are Brown, Burleigh, Colby, Durgin, Gilman, Hunkins, Lane, Philbrick, Prescott, Thompson and Tilton; and there are thirty others which occupy five or more pages. The location of residences is carefully noted, and some space is given to personal characteristics and anecdote, generally with judicious selection and brevity.

The honest and thorough work which this volume represents is well attested by the two indexes. The first is of persons, repeating alphabetically with careful reference every name found in the volume, and fills 128 pages, three columns to a page. The second is general, giving places and topics with minute fidelity. Whatever the work contains of any person, place or topic can be quickly found by any one who wishes to know.

How all this can be sold for \$3, or, with the forthcoming Volume I. for \$5, is a mystery. It can be obtained of the author, or of Alfred Mudge & Son, 34 School Street, Boston, the printers, who have given the contents a clear and handsome dress. It should have a wide sale.

*By the Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale.*

*Tithingmen.* By HERBERT B. ADAMS. 8vo. pp. 23.

This is a reprint of a valuable essay contributed by Professor Adams, of Johns Hopkins College, to the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society (New Series, i., Part 3), in which is shown the origin of the office and the history of the institution in the Old and in the New World. "More ancient than towns or parishes," it was a "patriarchal institution underlying all local forms of Saxon self-government." The tithingman of Massachusetts was, primarily, the head man of a neighborhood of ten families, at least; possibly, not chosen in the town meetings, but elected by the inhabitants in their several precincts, as was provided for by the Act of the General Court in 1679. He was not a collector of the tithes, it seems, as the name might imply, but a conservator of the peace, having an oversight of his particular families, in general, though empowered to act in other precincts, and to make report to an overseer regularly commissioned from the governor, of the delinquencies and ill-behavior of those under his charge. The duties of this official appear to have been distinguished from that of a constable in that it had a more intimate control and oversight of families and the morals of their respective neighborhoods, having a greater home power, more of the character of a fatherly inspection and guidance. The primitive feature of this functionary is, probably, to most minds unknown. The office has become obsolete. He is, as we may suppose, remembered more as a "coarser," or a kind of Sunday police man, who was expected to look after the boys in the church, and their elders out of it, to stop travellers on the road and to prevent the infringement of Sabbath laws and customs. It is well occasionally, as in the tract before us, to look into the origin of things, and see, underlying, those great fundamental principles which were adopted by our fathers for guidance and action in their ancient municipal administrations.

*By William B. Trask, Esq., of Boston.*

*Irish Pedigrees; or the Origin and Stem of the Irish Nation.* By JOHN O'HART, Q.U.I., Fellow of the Royal Historical and Archaeological Association of Ireland, etc. Dublin: M. H. Gill & Son, 50 Upper Sackville St. 1881. Demy 8vo. pp. xxxvi.+808+31. Sold in New York by D. & J. Sadler, P. M. Haverly, Scribner, Armstrong & Co.; in Washington, D. C., by Daniel Brosnan, and Baltimore, Md., by John P. Des Forges. May be had also from the author, Ringsend, Dublin, Ireland. Price 12s. 6d.; free by post, 13s. 6d.

Mr. O'Hart gives us in this work the result of long-continued research in the field of Irish Genealogy. Although he largely draws upon O'Clery's "Irish Genealogies," and although the book is very largely a compilation of tables whose

credibility cannot always be established, yet it may be said that Mr. O'Hart has done his work as well as it could be done with the materials at his command, and the pages everywhere abound with evidences of his earnestness and sincerity. The study of Irish genealogy is surrounded with peculiar difficulties, arising from the mythical character of many of the chief sources of genealogical information, and the absence of early Irish records whose credibility can be depended upon. This fact serves only to render Mr. O'Hart's attempt to accomplish what he could in this difficult field more praiseworthy; and that he has been successful in bringing to light many facts hitherto unknown, will win for him the gratitude of those who best appreciate the nature and extent of the difficulties with which he has been surrounded. The book must necessarily occupy a commanding position among works on Irish genealogy, and although it does not treat of as many of the old families as we might wish, it abounds in valuable information respecting those which it brings to our notice. There are 331 of these, 35 of which are of Anglo-Irish or Anglo-Norman extraction, and 296 of Milesian origin.

*By the Rev. R. Randall Hoes, of New Rochelle, N. Y.*

*Collections of the Maine Historical Society.* Vol. VIII. Portland: Hoyt, Fogg & Donham. 1881. [8vo. pp. 511.]

This last issue is a valuable addition to the already valuable publications of the society. At the beginning we meet the genial face of the late Judge Bourne, which in itself is a most appropriate introduction, identified as he will ever stand with the highest interests and achievements of the society. Next in order is an able and exhaustive article on the "North Eastern Boundary," from the pen of ex-Governor Israel Washburne. Then an interesting account of the military services of Col. Arthur Noble, of Georgetown, at Cape Breton and Nova Scotia, 1745-7, by William Gould, of Windham, Me. Art. III. is a rich contribution to the Educational History of Maine, from the hand of Dr. J. T. Champlin. H. W. Richardson's brief but excellent paper on the "Pemaquid Country under the Stuarts," adds much to that important branch of our local history. Mr. Gould also contributes Art. V., on Fort Halifax, on which subject he is a notable authority, and besides a sketch of Col. William Vaughan, of Damariscotta. Art. VII., by John E. Godfrey, of Bangor, is an account of that vast tract of country lying east and north of Pemaquid point, which was early known as Norambega. All the above is richly interspersed with valuable notes. The closing article is made up of biographical sketches of eminent members of the society lately deceased. A valuable volume indeed! and our only regret is that being so valuable in itself, it should be rendered almost useless to the student of local history and genealogy, and for general research, by the lack of an *index of names and places*—a lack which in any work of local history is a serious and unpardonable defect, especially inexcusable when it is published by a historical society.

*By the Rev. G. M. Bodge, of Dorchester, Mass.*

*Shakspeare's New Map in Twelfth Night,* by C. H. COOTE, British Museum. London, 1878. 8vo. pp. 14, and illustrative map.

In the drama of the great poet bearing the title of Twelfth Night, there is mention made of a map then popularly known as the NEW MAP. In the passage referred to, Maria says of Malvolio, *He does smile his face into more lines than are in the new map with the augmentation of the Indies.* Act. III., Scene II. The commentators upon this play have generally referred this map to one to be found in a translation of Linschoten's Voyages into the East and West Indies, published in London in 1598. Mr. Charles Henry Coote, of the map department of the British Museum, has discovered another map, probably made by Edward Wright, which he thinks to be the one referred to by Shakspeare, and in this little brochure he sustains his theory by ingenious and plausible arguments. The map in question has on it more than the usual number of rhumb-lines, has a fuller development of the Indies, and in the distant north has a representation of the discoveries made by the Dutch in 1594-1596, in the three voyages made by William Barents. To this latter characteristic of the map Mr. Coote refers another passage in the same play, in which Fabian upbraids Sir Andrew Ague-check for his apparent indifference to Olivia, and as a consequence of it he adds, *You are now sailed into the north of my lady's opinion, where you will hang like an icicle on a Dutchman's beard,* unless you do redeem it by some laudable attempt, either of valour or policy.

A fac-simile of this New Map was issued, in 1880, by the Hakluyt Society in con-

nection which the Voyages of John Davis of Sandridge, but nevertheless in a separate cover. It is plausibly suggested that the profusion of lines which may be seen on this map, by any one who will take the trouble to examine it, naturally led the great poet to observe a ludicrous similarity between it and the smiling face of Malvolio. The story of the late voyage of the Dutchman, William Barents, and his frosty winter at Nova Zembla, then fresh in the public mind, gave point and effectiveness to the representation of Olivia's disdain, to which the stupid Sir Andrew is made to hang like an icicle on a Dutchmans' beard.

Besides the very probable identification of the map referred to by Shakspeare, the reader of this pamphlet cannot fail to be reminded of the marvellous receptivity of the great dramatist's mind for all kinds of knowledge, and of the readiness with which he seized upon whatever was new, and made it serve and adorn his works.

*By the Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, A.M., of Boston, Mass.*

*The Visitation of Yorkshire in the Years 1563 and 1564. Made by William Flower, Esquire, Norroy King of Arms. Edited by CHARLES BEST NORCLIFFE, M.A., of Langton. London: 1881. Royal 8vo. pp. viii.+416.*

*The Parish Registers of St. Thomas the Apostle, London, containing the Marriages, Baptisms and Burials from 1558 to 1754. Edited by JOSEPH LEMUEL CHESTER, Honorary D.C.L. of the University of Oxford, and Honorary LL.D. of Columbia College, New York; Editor of the "Westminster Abbey Registers," etc. London: 1881. Royal 8vo. pp. vi.+190.*

We give above the titles of the issues of the Harleian Society (See REGISTER, xxiii. 340; xxv. 97; xxx. 479; xxxiii. 285; xxxv. 300) for the year 1881. The dues of this useful society are an entrance fee of half a guinea and an annual subscription of one guinea. The society was organized in 1869, and during the twelve years of its existence it has issued to its members sixteen royal octavo volumes, fourteen of them Visitations of different counties, one, Le Neve's Catalogue of Knights, and the other the Registers of Westminster Abbey. In 1877 a Register series was begun for those members who pay an additional fee of one guinea annually. Five volumes of this series have been issued. The volumes of both series are thoroughly indexed.

The Visitation of Yorkshire for 1563-4, whose title we give first, we are informed by the editor, Mr. Norcliffe, in his preface, completes the list of visitations of that county in print. Of the other visitations, that of 1530 was printed by the Surtees Society in 1863, those of 1584 and 1612 by Joseph Foster in 1875, and that of 1664-5 by the Surtees Society in 1859. The editor of this volume rendered literary assistance on all of these but the first named. The present visitation is printed from a copy preserved by Mr. Flower, the herald who made it. After passing through several hands, it was purchased in 1738 by Thomas Norcliffe, Esq., of Langton, Yorkshire, in whose family it has since remained. The editor, who is descended from him, has performed his labor in a highly creditable manner. His annotations add much to the value of the work. A complete copy of this visitation is not found in the British Museum.

The next volume is given to us with the careful editorship of Col. Chester. In his preface he writes: "The earlier portions of the Registers of St. Thomas the Apostle are exceedingly defective, many of the entries being more or less illegible, and others hopelessly so. The greatest care has been taken by the transcriber, Mr. J. Eedes, in decyphering the doubtful entries, and in many instances they have been successfully determined from voluminous extracts taken by the editor twenty years ago, since which date the deterioration of the earliest volume has been steadily going on. No stronger argument in favor of the enterprise of the Harleian Society in printing important Parish Registers could be found than is afforded by the gradual but certain destruction, from natural causes, of this particular one, from which no process can rescue it." The name of the editor is sufficient assurance that this is a faithful transcript, and that everything has been recovered which can be.

*The Congregational and Presbyterian Ministry and Churches of New Hampshire. By HENRY A. HAZEN. Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers. 1875. 8vo. pp. 73.*

The work before us, by a member of this society, is one of great labor. It is in two parts. In these the whole subject is presented under two different aspects, and is thus thoroughly compassed.

In the first part the exhibition is made from the stand-point of the towns, which are taken in alphabetical order, with date of town and church organization, succession of ministers, &c.

In the second part the names of the ministers, about twelve hundred in number, are presented in alphabetical order; with their places and dates of birth; their places of education, both college and seminary, with graduating dates in each; the time of their ordination; the places of their ministry; the dates of their death, if dead, and their ages at time of decease. Few lists of this kind have ever been prepared with such exactness and care. The book is a small one, but the labor of making it was immensely great. Copies of this work may be had for *one dollar* by applying to Mr. C. N. Chapin, Congregational House, Boston. The original price was a dollar and a half.

*By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of Newton, Mass.*

*Proceedings of the New England Methodist Historical Society at the second Annual Meeting, January 16, 1882.* Boston: Society's Rooms, 36 Bromfield St. 1882. 8vo. pp. 32.

The printed proceedings of this flourishing, though young, society at its first annual meeting was noticed in the REGISTER for April, 1881 (xxxv. 203). The pamphlet before us contains the proceedings at the second annual meeting, with the reports of the board of directors, the corresponding secretary, the librarian, the historiographer and the treasurer. The constitution and by-laws are appended. The present membership consists of 168 resident, 42 corresponding, 1 life and 1 honorary members. The report of the librarian, Willard S. Allen, A.M., shows his efficiency, the volumes having been increased during the last year to eight times the number in the library at its beginning, and the number of pamphlets having nearly trebled. There were in January last 430 volumes and 2,282 pamphlets.

*A Cruise along the Blockade.* By FRANK B. BUTTS. (Formerly Paymaster's Clerk United States Navy.) Providence: N. Bangs Williams & Co. 1881. Fcp. 4to. pp. 37. Price 50 cents to non-subscribers.

The twelfth number of the second series of "Personal Narratives of Events in the War of the Rebellion," is now before us. This series of publications, which is devoted to papers read before the Soldiers' and Sailors' Historical Society of Rhode Island, is preserving much matter which will be of service to the future historian of our late civil war. In the present issue, the author, Mr. Butts, gives a lively account of his experience with our blockading fleet on the Atlantic coast from 1863 to the close of the war.

*The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia. Necrology for 1881.* By CHARLES HENRY HART, Historiographer. Philadelphia. 1882. 8vo. pp. 19.

This pamphlet contains the biographies of eight members of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, who died in the year 1881, namely, Col. Robert S. Swords, the Hon. William B. Lawrence, the Hon. John G. Palfrey, Mr. Joseph Sabin, Dr. Ferdinand Keller, the Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Vetromile, Dr. Samuel F. Haven, and the Rev. Dr. Edwin A. Dalrymple. The biographies are prepared with Mr. Hart's usual care and judgment. They are reprinted from the Proceedings of that Society for 1881.

*A Sketch of Charles Cowley.* By D. A. SULLIVAN. Lowell: Printed for the Author. 1882. 18mo. pp. 59.

Judge Cowley, a prominent lawyer of Lowell, completed the fiftieth year of his age on the 9th of January last. He received congratulations on the occasion from his friends, among them Mr. D. A. Sullivan, connected with the *Lowell Sun*, who presented to him this sketch of his life. Judge Cowley's career as a journalist, a lawyer, a naval judge advocate and an author, is narrated. Though primarily intended for private circulation, the author will furnish copies of the pamphlet at 25 cents each.

*History of the Hubbell Family, containing a Genealogical Record.* By WALTER HUBBELL. Also Biographical Sketches, Deeds, Wills, Inventories, Distribution of Estates, Military Commissions, Obituaries, and much Ancient Historical Information relating to the Family and Name. First Edition. New York: J. H. Hubbell & Co., 407 and 409 Broadway. 1881. 8vo. pp. xiv.+463.

*The Libby Family in America. 1602-1881.* Prepared and Published by CHARLES T. LIBBY. Portland, Me.: Printed by B. Thurston & Co. 1882. 8vo. pp. 628. With blank Family Record appended. Price \$5, or \$5.24 by mail. Address Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, Portland.



- The Eddy Family. Reunion at Providence to celebrate the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Landing of John and Samuel Eddy at Plymouth, Oct. 29, 1630.* Boston, Mass. 1881. 8vo. pp. 265.
- Materials toward a Genealogy of the Emmerton Family.* Compiled by JAMES A. EMMERTON, M.D. Privately Printed. Salem Press. 1881. 8vo. pp. 244.
- Notes on the Ancestry of Major Wm. Roe Van Voorhis, of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York.* By his Grandson, ELIAS W. VAN VOORHIS, of New York City. For Private Distribution only. 1881. 8vo. pp. 239.
- A Genealogical Record of the Descendants of Moses Pengry of Ipswich, Mass., so far as Ascertained.* Collected and Arranged by WILLIAM M. PINGRY. Ludlow, Vt. : Warner & Hyde, Book and Job Printers. 1881. 8vo. pp. 186.
- Genealogy. Records of the Descendants of David Johnson of Leominster, Mass.* Compiled by Rev. WILLIAM W. JOHNSON. Milwaukee: Printed by Godfrey & Crandall. 1876. 8vo. pp. 80+iv.
- Concerning President Garfield's Ancestry.* A Communication from the Rev. EDWARD G. PORTER. Read at the October Meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1881. 8vo. pp. 15.
- President Garfield's New England Ancestry. Read at the Annual Meeting of the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, October 21st, 1881.* By GEORGE F. HOAR. Worcester, Mass. : Press of Charles Hamilton. 1882. 8vo. pp. 16.
- Memorial of the Lives and Services of James Pitts and his Sons John, Samuel and Lendall, during the American Revolution. 1760-1780. With Genealogical and Historical Appendix.* By DANIEL GOODWIN, Jr. Printed for Family and Private Use. Chicago : Culver, Page, Hayne & Co. February, 1882. 8vo. pp. 63.
- Genealogy and Biographical Sketches of the Youngman Family.* By DAVID YOUNGMAN, M.D., Boston, Mass. Boston : Press of George H. Ellis, 141 Franklin St. 1882. 8vo. pp. 26.
- The Humphrey Family of North Yarmouth, Maine.* [By] Capt. JAMES J. HUMPHREY. Old Times Office. Yarmouth, Maine. 1882. 8vo. pp. 22.
- Ancestry of Capt. Ebenezer Pope. Genealogical Notes.* Elizabeth, N. J. Cook & Hall, Steam Printers. 1882. 8vo. pp. 7.
- Genealogy of the Balkom or Balcom Family of Attleboro', Mass.* Copied from Town and County Records, etc. 8vo. pp. 12.
- Sketch of the Life and Times of Dr. David Ray.* Boston : Printed for Private Circulation. 1881. Sq. 16mo. pp. 24.
- Paine Family Records.* Edited by HENRY D. PAINE, M.D., 26 West 30th St., New York City. Published quarterly at \$1 a year.
- The Family of Puffer of Massachusetts.* By W. S. APPLETON. Boston : David Clapp & Son. 1882. 8vo. pp. 9.
- The Sabin Family of America. The Four Earliest Generations.* By the Rev. ANSON TITUS, Jr., Weymouth, Mass. 1882. 8vo. pp. 7+4. Price 25 cts. To be had of the author, South Weymouth, Mass.

We continue our quarterly list of genealogical publications.

The volume on the Hubbell family is devoted to the descendants of Richard Hubbell, who died at Pequonnock, Ct., Oct. 23, 1699, aged 71. The book gives first a historical account of the origin of the name and family, followed by biographical sketches of prominent individuals of the name, after which comes the genealogy proper, being the record of ten generations. It closes with extracts from records and miscellaneous matter concerning the Hubbells. It shows much research. The biographical sketches are interesting. They contain copies of wills, letters, commissions, and other documents illustrating the lives of the individuals, many of them being illustrated by portraits and autographs. The book is well printed and well indexed. The author is a native of Philadelphia, and a member of the dramatic profession.

The Libby Family is devoted to the descendants of John Libby, who was from 1635 to 1639 in the employ of John Winter at Richmond's Island, and afterwards settled at Black Point, now Scarborough, Maine. The author, who is now only in the twenty-first year of his age, has been remarkably successful in tracing the numerous descendants of his emigrant ancestor and obtaining full and precise details of their lives, during the comparatively few years that he has been engaged in preparing this work. The work is clearly and compactly arranged, and the indexes are deserving of more than usual praise. There are four of them, namely, of christ-

ian names, of surnames, of places, and of general matters. The index of christian names is particularly worthy of notice, as it gives the year of birth and the residence of every person indexed, which will be a great saving of time to those who consult the book for particular persons. The ancestral reference-numbers at the head of the several families appear to be an invention of the author. Though this plan of referring to parentage and ancestry has probably advantages for some purposes, it does not appear to us so handy, for what is most often needed, as several others in use. The work has evidently been a labor of love, and no pains seem to have been spared in perfecting it. The author is content to begin the family with his earliest known ancestor, and no attempt is made to attach him to any titled family in England. The book makes a handsome volume. There are twenty-seven portraits, many of them fine steel engravings, and others well-executed heliotype and lithographs.

The Eddy family held a reunion at Providence, R. I., on the 29th of last October, the quarter millenary anniversary of the arrival of their emigrant ancestors on these shores. The book before us contains the proceedings on that occasion, to which is appended a genealogy of the family. The oration was by the Rev. Zachary Eddy, D. D., of Detroit. It traced the origin of the family, and glanced at the deeds of some of the most notable of the name. Addresses also were delivered by others of the name or blood. The family is descended from William Eddy, A. M., vicar of St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, Kent, England, a native of Bristol, and a graduate of Cambridge University. He was the father of John and Samuel Eddy, whose landing at Plymouth in 1630 was celebrated as above stated. The book is well printed, and is illustrated by fine steel and heliotype portraits and views. The genealogical portion is by Robert Henry Eddy, of Boston, whose father, Caleb Eddy, commenced many years ago to collect materials for a genealogy of this family. Since his death, the son has continued to make additions to the collection; and has now embodied them in permanent form in the volume before us. We understand that an appendix is contemplated, which we hope will contain an index to the volume.

Dr. Emmerton, to whose industry we are indebted for the next book on our list, is the author of the Silsbee genealogy, and was associated with Mr. Waters in compiling the "Gleanings from English Records about New England Families," both favorably noticed in the REGISTER (xxxv. 407; xxxiv. 422). He has here given us the result of his investigations into the genealogy of his own family. He has evidently given much attention to the arrangement as well as to the collection of his matter; and his explanation in the preface of his views on the former subject is worthy of study. The plan of the genealogy is based on that of Nathaniel Goodwin, used in his Olcott and Foots genealogies, which has been adopted by several Connecticut genealogists. The Rev. Mr. Vinton in his books improved this plan by indicating which children were again mentioned as the heads of families, a great saving of time to the reader; and by giving the line of ancestry at the head of each separate family as is done in the REGISTER. Dr. Emmerton does not adopt the former improvement, but he does the latter, omitting, however, the numbers which indicate generations, and adding instead the consecutive numbers of the individuals in the line, thus enabling us to turn at once to the place of each ancestor in the series. The author does not affix a number to the children of daughters as his predecessors have done. His ancestral tablets, pp. 165-202, and his index tablets, pp. 209-10, are ingenious and useful. His index is full, and in one alphabet. The genealogical portion is interleaved for corrections and additions. A heliotype portrait of the author embellishes this handsomely printed book. We take pleasure in commending it to our readers.

The emigrant ancestor of Major Van Voorhis, to whose genealogy the next book is devoted, was "Steven Coorte of Voorhies, or Steven Koers, as written by himself, who emigrated to this country from Holland" in April, 1660, in the Spotted Cow, with his wife and seven children. He was "a son of Coert Alberts of Voorhies, who resided in front of the village of Hees or Hies, near the town Ruinen, in the province of Drenthe, in the Netherlands, the word 'voor' meaning in English, 'before' or 'in front of.'" The book, though not intended to be a regular genealogy, contains much biographical and genealogical information concerning the family, in the collection of which much pains has evidently been taken. Fine portraits, views of buildings, gravestones and fac-similes of documents and signatures, embellish the work and illustrate its contents. A tabular pedigree gives the families descended from Coert Alberts van voor Hies, in the line of Major Van Voorhis, to the author of this book. The work is an elegant specimen of typography. It is well indexed.

The Pengry genealogy is devoted to the descendants of Moses Pengry, who with his brother Aaron early settled at Ipswich, Mass. Some of his descendants now spell their name Pingree: but the author of this book, the Hon. William Morrill Pingry, A.M., of Perkinsville, Vt., has not met with this spelling before the year 1783. Mr. Pingry began seven years ago to collect materials for this genealogy; and he has met with good success in gathering the records of his kindred in various parts of the union. An account of the descendants of Moses<sup>4</sup> Pingree, a *tresoye of Moses*,<sup>1</sup> by Daniel Pingree, M.D., of Pingree Grove, Ill., is appended. The book is well compiled, and is embellished by several heliotype portraits.

The Johnson genealogy gives the descendants of David Johnson, who about 1738 married Mary Peters and settled at Leominster, Mass. The author of this book supposes him to be a son of Josiah<sup>2</sup> Johnson, grandson through William<sup>2</sup> of Edward<sup>1</sup> Johnson of Woburn: but as there is no David in the family of this Josiah in Poole's edition of the *Wonder-Working Providence*, p. cxlvi., we have doubts of this. Peters was an Andover family, and we should rather look there for his origin. Indeed, in *Abbot's Andover*, p. 35, we find Timothy<sup>1</sup> Johnson, born about 1631, who had a grandson David<sup>6</sup> through Josiah,<sup>6</sup> the supposed name of this David's father. The descendants of David appear to be fully traced. Some poems by the author, the Rev. William W. Johnson, of Greenfield, Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, are appended. The book has a satisfactory index.

The two papers on the ancestry of President Garfield by Senator Hoar and the Rev. Mr. Porter, will interest many readers. President Garfield felt a deep interest in the history of his Massachusetts ancestors, and it was primarily to gratify his curiosity, on an expected visit, during the tour on which he had started when he received the fatal wound, that Mr. Hoar collected the facts embodied in his paper. Both his and Mr. Porter's papers give details never before published concerning the ancestry of the martyr president. Mr. Porter proves to our satisfaction that there was but one Edward Garfield among the settlers of Watertown; and that Benjamin, the quintoye of the president, was a son of Edward Garfield who died June 14, 1672, "aged abought 97," instead of being his grandson. The line of the president's ancestors in the REGISTER, xxxvi. 109, therefore needs correction. Both papers give autographs of his ancestors and views of their houses.

The next pamphlet, besides being an important contribution to the revolutionary history of our country, contains a genealogy of the descendants of James Pitts, a member of the Massachusetts provincial council, who with his three sons, named on the title-page of this work, rendered valuable service to their country in the revolution, and in the troubles with the mother country which preceded it. Many facts and documents relating to this subject are here preserved. The emigrant ancestor of this family, John Pitts, a native of Lyme Regis, Dorset, England, and a son of Berwick Pitts of that parish, came to New England near the close of the seventeenth century, and settled at Boston. He married Elizabeth Lindall in 1697, and was father of James Pitts, the patriot, who married Elizabeth Bowdoin, sister of Gov. James Bowdoin. The descendants of this family have proved themselves worthy of their ancestry. The wife of Mr. Goodwin, the author, is a descendant in the fifth generation from the Hon. James Pitts.

The Youngman genealogy is by the author of the article in the REGISTER for October, 1880 (xxxiv. 401), who has had the benefit of the article by Mr. Brown in the number for January, 1881 (xxxv. 45), and has also made further researches of his own.

The Humphrey family history was originally prepared for Capt. Corliss's magazine "Old Times," but has been corrected, enlarged and reprinted from the pages of that periodical. The pamphlet gives a good account of the Humphrey family of North Yarmouth, Maine.

The Pope pamphlet is by Frank L. Pope, of Elizabeth, N. J. It traces the ancestry of his grandfather, Capt. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> Pope, of Great Barrington, Mass., to Thomas<sup>1</sup> (Seth,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Seth,<sup>4</sup> Seth<sup>5</sup>) Pope of Plymouth, whose name first appears on the records there in 1631. Capt. Pope left a manuscript genealogy in his autograph commencing with his grandfather's children, which Mr. Pope, of Elizabeth, has been able by his researches to carry back to the emigrant ancestor.

The Balcom pamphlet is by David Jillson, of South Attleboro', Mass., the author of the Gillson or Jillson Family, and a valued contributor to the REGISTER. The family here recorded is descended from Alexander Balkoom, who resided at Providence in the latter part of the seventeenth century.

Dr. David Ray, whose life is the subject of the next pamphlet, was born in Wrentham, Mass., Sept. 7, 1742, and died at Otisfield, Me., Dec. 1, 1833. This pamphlet contains much concerning the early history of Otisfield. On the 125th anni-

versary of Dr. Ray's birth, September 7, 1876, a meeting of his descendants was held at the old homestead in Otisfield. An account of this meeting is here given, with a list of the descendants present, one of whom, Grinfill Blake Holden, of Millston, Wisconsin, is the author of this pamphlet; and to another, John C. Fernald, of Boston, Mass., the pamphlet is dedicated.

Since our last notice of the Paine Family Record (*REGISTER*, xxxv. 108), we have received the numbers for April, July and October, 1881, and January, 1882, all filled with excellent matter.

The next pamphlet is a reprint, corrected and very much "enlarged" of an article on the Puffer family which Mr Appleton contributed to the *REGISTER* for July, 1868 (xxii. 288-90). Like all the author's genealogies, this is carefully compiled.

The Sabin pamphlet is a reprint of the Rev. Mr. Titus's contribution to the January *REGISTER*, with a full copy of the will of William Sabin, the progenitor of the family, and other important additions.

### **The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register**

Contains, besides these "Book Notices," a variety of valuable and interesting matter concerning the History, Antiquities, Genealogy and Biography of America. It was commenced in 1847, and is the oldest historical periodical now published in this country. It is issued quarterly (each number containing at least 96 octavo pages, with a portrait on steel) by the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, 18 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass. Price, \$3 per annum in advance. Single numbers, 75 cents each.

# MEMORIAL BIOGRAPHIES

OF THE

## NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC, GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE Committee on Memorials in charge of the publication of biographies of deceased members of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, printed at the cost of the "Towne Memorial Fund," established by the late William B. Towne, A.M., have completed and published two volumes, and have a third volume in preparation. The second volume, just issued, contains biographies of forty-five members, being all who died during the years 1853, 1854 and 1855. The following is a list of the memorials in this volume, with their authors:

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*The Bibliotheca Sacra.* Edited by EDWARDS A. PARK, with the co-operation of GEORGE E. DAY, ARCHIBALD DUFF, JR., and D. W. SIMON. Andover (Mass). Published by W. F. Draper. Quarterly: in parts of 200 pages each. Terms, \$4.00 per annum.

Generally regarded as the successor or continuation of the *Biblical Repository* (the publication of which was commenced at Andover, Mass., in 1831), this able quarterly may be considered the earliest New England periodical, and with one exception the earliest publication in the country, devoted wholly or mainly to theological learning in its broader fields and more elaborate methods of treatment—though it is not forgotten that other serial works of a religious character, like the old *Panoplist*, and *Monthly Anthology*, though mainly given up to work of lighter quality, occasionally contained learned and able articles from leading minds. But even in its independent form, the *Bibliotheca Sacra* dates from 1843, and has maintained to the present time a strong, vigorous and manly individuality. Much of its early force was due to the splendid work which was put into it by the late BELA BATES EDWARDS, its editor from 1844 to 1862, the date of the early death of this great scholar; who contributed to it during this period, nearly fifty articles, besides performing a vast amount of routine editorial labor, in the midst of other important duties in connection with Andover Seminary. The scholarly attainments of Prof. Edwards were varied, and of a high character; and it is to his interest in bibliography we are under obligations for the entertaining account of the private libraries of Boston and vicinity, drawn up some years ago by Mr. Luther Farnham, which first appeared in the pages of this Review. After Prof. Edwards's death, the editorship of the *Bibliotheca* passed into the hands of Prof. Edwards A. Park, who had been associated with Prof. Edwards in its management, and who, in 1863, published a memoir of Prof. Edwards, with a selection from his sermons and addresses, in two volumes. Aside from these distinguished biblical scholars, a number of gentlemen hardly less eminent have been connected with the *Bibliotheca* as associate editors; among them Dr. Samuel H. Taylor, Prof. H. B. Hackett, Prof. Austin Phelps, Dr. Barnas Sears, Prof. W. G. T. Shedd, Prof. Calvin E. Stowe and Dr. Joseph P. Thompson. In general, the articles making up the successive numbers

of the *Bibliotheca* have been encyclopedic in character, and of permanent value. The leading subjects have embraced Biblical Literature, Doctrinal Theology and Church History—in the treatment of which the most able writers have been secured, as a reference to the index, or the successive issues of the work, will prove. In its treatment of subjects pertaining to biblical archæology, the investigations of science, comparative philology, metaphysics, and theological criticism, it has steadily kept abreast of the broadest and most advanced culture; while many of the articles originally appearing in its pages have been of so much importance as to have been reprinted in separate volumes. Among these are treatises by so distinguished writers as Prof. W. S. Tyler, Dr. Samuel Harris, Prof. Austin Phelps, Dr. George B. Cheever, Prof. Ezra Abbott, Dr. Barnas Sears, Dr. J. P. Thompson, and Dr. Thomas Hill. In 1874 an index to the first thirty volumes of the *Bibliotheca*, prepared by Mr. Warren F. Draper, the publisher of the review, was issued. This forms a volume of 280 pages, and is a work of much patient, careful labor. It is not only an index of authors and subjects, but is a sort of topical index, or *dictionary* to the review, frequently giving keys to leading articles, in brief abstracts of the same; together with an index of all Scripture texts employed in articles, and an index of all Greek words used. By a helpful system of typography, four different styles of types are used in the index catchwords, each representing a different class of topics—an arrangement that is very useful in consultation, and one that is better carried out in this index, we think, than in any similar reference book we have ever examined. Among leading subjects discussed in the *Bibliotheca* during the past year, are Theological Education, The Opinions of Jonathan Edwards on the Trinity, The Fundamental Laws of Belief, The Sabbath, New Testament Revision, Swedenborgianism; the volume for 1881 comprising 800 pages. "The Theological Seminary at Andover," writes the Rev. Dr. Bacon in his *North American Review* article for June, 1882, "by its illustrious history and its wide influence, ranks with the foremost centres of education in the world." So does the *Bibliotheca Sacra*, as the organ of that great institution of sacred learning, have just claim to a high rank among the learned reviews of the country, for its elevated character, great ability, and profound scholarship.

By Samuel L. Boardman, Esq., Augusta, Me.

*Catalogue of the Library of the Boston Athenæum.* [1807-71.] 5 parts. Boston. [i. 1874; ii. 1876; iii. 1878; iv. 1880; v. 1882.] Total number of pages, 3402+24. Price in sheets \$25; to libraries \$20; in cloth \$28.75.

It is a matter of general interest, and particularly to librarians, that this valuable catalogue, with its stores of bibliographical material, is at last complete. For during the past twenty years the principle of library coöperation has made great progress; and it has come to be the case that the work intended for the constituents of a single library is frequently found available by libraries generally. The catalogues of the Boston Public Library and the Brooklyn Library will at once occur to the mind of the reader as cases in point; and such a work also is the Boston Athenæum catalogue, now under consideration. It is so not only because the collection of books here catalogued is exceptionally comprehensive and valuable, nor simply because the quality of the work done on it is of so high a standard; but also on account of the network of cross-references, the painstaking research into anonymous and pseudonymous entries, and the minute analysis of the contents of volumes, which it gives instead of being satisfied with the bare announcement of the title-page. Concerning these analytical references, Mr. Cutter remarks (p. 3400): "Many works which have cost large sums of money would stand upon the shelves, untouched," were it not for this help. The principle here involved underlies more than one scheme of successful library work.

So long ago as 1856 the order was given for the preparation of the catalogue. Unfortunately, the early stages of the work were carried on in a manner neither intelligent nor skilful; and the experience of Mr. Charles Russell Lowell, and, after him, of Mr. Cutter, himself (the present librarian), in undoing this worse than useless labor, is detailed in an amusing note at the end of the fifth volume. The printing finally began May 1, 1872, and was not completed until January, 1882.

To the contact of a mind like Mr. Cutter's, who has the instinct of a born cataloguer, with these difficulties and inconsistencies which required surmounting, we are probably indebted for a very promising contribution towards a code of uniform cataloguing rules.\* Mr. Cutter's account shows how naturally they have been

\* "Rules for a printed dictionary catalogue," by Charles A. Cutter; forming Part II. of the report on "Public libraries in the United States," published by the U. S. government in 1876.

"evolved," so to speak, from the actual exigencies of the case, and he says: "Many things which I had been accustomed to do by instinct or experimentally, were (here) set down systematically, with statements, and now and then with discussions, of the reasons for them." No higher testimony to the measure of success attained in these "Rules" could be given than the fact that they form substantially the basis for the codes of rules for title-entries since adopted by the library associations of this country and Great Britain. [See *Library Journal*, v. 3, p. 12-19, and v. 4, p. 416-17.]

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*Proceedings of the Virginia Historical Society at the Annual Meeting, February 24, 1882, with the Address of William Wirt Henry. The Settlement at Jamestown, with Particular Reference to the late Attacks upon Captain John Smith, Pocahontas and John Rolfe.* Richmond, Virginia: Published by the Society. 1882. 8vo. pp. 63.

*Official Letters of Alexander Spotswood, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Virginia, 1710-1722. Now First Printed from the Manuscript in the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society. With an Introduction and Notes.* By R. A. Baock, Corresponding Secretary and Librarian of the Society. Vol. I. Richmond, Virginia: Published by the Society. 1882. 8vo. pp. 179.

We have before us the two latest publications of the Virginia Historical Society. The address of Mr. Henry is mainly a reply to the attacks which have been made during the last quarter of a century on the veracity of Capt. John Smith, particularly in relation to the romantic story of the saving of his life by the intercession of Pocahontas. Mr. Henry examines the reasons given for disbelieving this and other statements of Capt. Smith, and comes to the conclusion that they are not sufficient to invalidate them. The author also defends the characters of Pocahontas and her husband, Mr. John Rolfe, which have been recently assailed. Though we have been inclined to doubt the more marvellous stories of the renowned captain, we must admit that Mr. Henry shows that there is much to be said on the other side; and we shall welcome all new light which may be thrown on the subject.

The Spotswood Letters are the first of a new series of publications by the society. The originals were preserved by some of the descendants of Lieut.-Gov. Spotswood, and were used by Bancroft in preparing his History of the United States. Later they were loaned to George W. Featherstonehaugh, the geologist, by whom they were carried to England, and for a time they were supposed to be lost; but, having been found in the possession of the widow of Mr. Featherstonehaugh, they were purchased from her in 1873 by the Virginia Historical Society. The letters cover the term of Col. Spotswood's colonial administration in Virginia, from 1710 to 1722; "a marked period in the development of the resources and manufactures of the colony, and of its progress." The value of these documents, as materials for the history of Virginia, cannot be overestimated.

The society is to be congratulated on being able to furnish its members with so valuable publications as those before us. The distribution of these publications is strictly confined to members, and as the income of the society is derived solely from the dues of members, it is evident that an increase of membership will increase its means of preserving in print the valuable material now in the society's archives. The members are not confined to residents or natives of Virginia, but all who are interested in its history are eligible. There is no entrance fee. The fee of membership is five dollars a year. Life membership is fifty dollars.

The second volume of the Spotswood Letters, completing the work, will probably be issued early in next year. The society has also the following works in preparation:

1. The Records of the Administration of Lieut. Gov. Robert Dinwiddie—1752-1757—covering the important period of the French and Indian War. These were recently secured to the Society by the generosity of its Vice-President, W. W. Corcoran, Esq.
2. The Minutes of the Phi-Beta-Kappa Society, secretly organized by the students of William and Mary College, Virginia, December 5th, 1776. Its membership included the names of many of the most prominent patriots of the Revolution.
3. The Minutes of the Virginia Branch of the Order of Cincinnati, organized by surviving veterans of the American Revolution to perpetuate its memories.



4. The Records of the General Court of the Colony of Virginia held at James City—April 4, 1670, to March 16, 1676.
5. Papers of the Ludwell and Lee Families—1650-1800.
6. Papers of the Adams, Cocke and Maesie Families—1670-1830.

*The Burnside Expedition.* By AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, late Major-General, United States Army : N. Bangs Williams & Co. 1862. Fcp. 4to. pp. 33. Price 50 cts.

*The High School Boys of the Tenth R. I. Regiment, with a Roll of Teachers and Students of the Providence High School who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the Rebellion.* By WILLIAM A. SPICER, Company B, Tenth Rhode Island Volunteers. Providence : N. Bangs Williams & Company. 1862. Fcp. 4to. pp. 83.

The series of "Personal Narratives of Events in the War of the Rebellion, being Papers read before the Rhode Island Soldiers' and Sailors' Historical Society," which has been several times noticed in these pages, continues to maintain its interest and value. The two tracts whose titles are given above have just appeared. The "Burnside Expedition" forms No. 6, and the "High School Boys" No. 13, of the "Second Series" of these papers.

The recent death of the lamented Senator Burnside adds new interest to everything from his pen; and an account by himself of his famous "Expedition" is particularly valuable.

The second tract shows that the alumni and teachers of the High School of Providence contributed a very respectable quota to the Union Army.

*History of Shelburne, New Hampshire.* By MRS. R. P. PEABODY. Gorham, N. H. : Mountaineer Print. 1862. 12 mo. pp. 127.

*The White Mountain Stock Farm. Extracts from Mrs. R. P. Peabody's History of Shelburne.* Gorham, N. H. : Mountaineer Print. 1862. 12mo. pp. 15.

The township, which then included Gorham, was granted, in 1770, to Mark H. Wentworth and six others. It was soon after settled. The early settlers endured great hardships and suffered from the hostility of the Indians. Shelburne was incorporated Dec. 13, 1820. The population at that time was 230. The town of Gorham was taken from it June 18, 1836, but, notwithstanding this, in 1859 its population had increased to 480. It has since declined, and, at the census of 1880, it had only a population of 259.

The present work gives sketches of the lives of the first settlers of the town, and a history of its industries, schools and churches. One chapter is devoted to its Indian history, one to its lead mines, and another to the White Mountain Stock Farm owned by the Hon. Robert I. Burbank, of Boston. The last chapter has been rewritten with the title given above.

*The Battle of Groton Heights. A Collection of Narratives, Official Reports, Records, etc., of the Storming of Fort Griswold, the Massacre of its Garrison and the Burning of New London by British Troops under the Command of Brig-Gen. Benedict Arnold, on the Sixth of September, 1781. With an Introduction and Notes.* By WILLIAM W. HARRIS. Illustrated with engravings and maps, revised and enlarged, with additional notes by CHARLES ALLYN. New London, Conn. : Charles Allyn. 1862. 8vo. pp. 399. Price, postpaid, \$3.25 in cloth, and \$4.75 in half morocco.

Another well filled volume has been added to our centennial literature. Every fact bearing upon the Battle of Groton Heights and the storming and capture of Fort Griswold, has been within the covers of this book carefully collated, and exhausts the story of that memorable day. The actors in that contest have long since passed away, and those to whom their information was imparted are fast following them. It is indeed the part of wisdom to place on record ancient facts and traditions, and to reprint the rare old pamphlets, which have long been out of print.

The volume has been most carefully prepared; in some cases the original manuscript accounts have been exhumed, and reprinted *verbatim et literatim*. A full biographical account of many of those who risked their lives in the defence of Fort Griswold has been prepared, and forms a part of the compilation. The old cemetery at Groton where the heroes lie has been visited and the inscriptions copied; also many pictures are given of the antique gravestones. The archives of the state have been ransacked, and everything relating to the events of the sixth of September, one hundred years ago, has been carefully transcribed. The accounts of the affair which appeared in the current newspapers are quoted; Arnold's report to Sir Henry Clin-

ton, Governor Trumbull's letter to Gen. Washington, also appear in full. A description of the monument erected in 1830 by the State of Connecticut, and a full account of the centennial celebration, with the oration by Gen. Joseph R. Hawley, and an appendix and good index, combine to make a volume which will be read by every patriot with interest, and serve to place upon enduring record one of the most interesting yet heart-rending events in the history of our country.

By *Daniel T. V. Huntoon, Esq., of Canton, Mass.*

*A Critical Review of American Politics.* By CHARLES REEMELIN. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1881. 8vo. pp. xxiv.+630.

This interesting volume affords us an opportunity "to see ourselves as others see us;" it offers us a mirror wherein the national institutions may be reflected just as they are, untouched by the skilled yet flattering hand of the native artist, who, in painting our national portrait, would soften and tone down the homely and defective features; but in so doing defeats his own plan and exhibits us to the world's gaze not half so handsome as Nature made us. Yet who shall say that the mirror itself may not be defective, and that the "others" may not see us correctly?

In plainer language, it is a description, philosophically treated, of our methods, modes and systems of political government, by a German gentleman who fancies he has lived long enough in this country to understand its institutions, yet not long enough to forget those of his native land. It is reasonable to suppose that a life of observation of half a century in this country (he states that he arrived in 1832, aged 18) would have enabled the author to form a tolerably correct opinion of our national system; yet, while many things are justly and truly said, there are many other ideas expressed that will cause reflection, some that will excite discussion, and a few that will provoke flat contradiction by the most eminent and impartial judges of American affairs; and I cannot but think that the author views us rather with the eyes of the theorist and the philosopher than with those of the practical statesman.

Among many instances of this, there may be room to state in this notice that, on page 420, in alluding to the period of the Rebellion, the author says, not very grammatically: "The public men of the land had gone to school to their parties, and had been disciplined in obsequiousness to the many." Can any one say this was true of Sumner, the fearless opponent of the slave power? Is there an American versed in the political history of his country who will fasten this reputation upon Giddings, Hale, Wade, Stevens or Chase? Those were men who led, not followed parties; who educated, trained and moulded public opinion—could command it but not yield to it, as the author, further on, says of Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Gallatin and Calhoun.

The book is open to criticism in the matter of style, which is often obscure and sometimes ungrammatical; yet it is, in spite of these defects, very readable and entertaining to those interested in the study of American institutions. Like too many other writers of the present day, Mr. Reemelin has neglected to provide an index, which would have materially added to the value of the work. It is clearly printed and neatly bound.

By *Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston.*

*Events in the History of New York City, with Illustrations from Shakespeare,* by a New Yorker. No Pagination. No Index. Two vols. 12 mo. 1880, 1881.

It was a happy idea of Mr. John B. Moreau, the compiler of these two little books, to prepare a calendar recording under each day of the year an event in the history of his native city, illustrated by a text from Shakespeare. The first calendar appeared in 1880, and it was so favorably received by his friends, that a companion volume was issued the next year. Each of the calendars furnishes another to the already numerous examples of the universality of the genius of the great poet who was "not for an age but for all time," and, I may add, for all places. Shakespeare has words for every theme. His comprehensive intellect gave expression to thoughts and ideas on the humblest as well as the mightiest subjects; and there is no author so frequently, so widely or so commonly used for quoting or to beautify or adorn the thoughts of others.

The compiler of the work under consideration presents his volumes in pretty, yet simple dress, and in large, clear and distinct typography. In his selection of quotations applicable to the events described, he has shown much ingenuity, though in some instances the extracts are not the best that could have been chosen.

It must have been somewhat perplexing to find a local event for every day in the year, and this difficulty must have been increased when a second series of events were required. Mr. Moreau, however, has not repeated the events except in a few instances. In some cases the repeated dates differ from those in the first calendar. Thus, the death of Col. Marinus Willett is given in one volume as August 3, 1830, and in the other as Aug. 23, 1830. The arrival of Gov. Sir Charles Hardy is dated in one, Sept. 1, 1755, and in the other, Sept. 29, 1755. The work is a very conveniently arranged and appropriately condensed synopsis of matters and circumstances which will be read with pleasure by those interested in general as well as local history.

By O. B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.

*Originality.* By REV. ELLAS NASON. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co., 33 Franklin Street. 1892. 12mo. pp. 50. Price 50 cents.

This is an address in reply to the well-known and popular lecture of Wendell Phillips on "The Lost Arts." The address was delivered June 21, 1881, before the Shakespearian Club of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, Mass. It has also been delivered as a lecture in many towns in New England and other parts of the United States, and has been well received by appreciating audiences. In it Mr. Nason replies to the glowing descriptions by Mr. Phillips of the arts of the ancients now lost, and eloquently shows that we have little cause to regret that we did not live in those times, for the arts we now retain, particularly the marvellous inventions and discoveries of our own time, are more useful and wonderful than any that the past centuries possessed.

*History, Jurisdiction and Practice of the Court of Claims of the United States.* By WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, LL.D., one of the Judges of the Court. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1892. 8vo. pp. 99.

This pamphlet is reprinted from the *Southern Law Review* published at St. Louis, Mo. The bill authorizing the United States Court of Claims was signed by President Peirce Feb. 25, 1855. Its object was to facilitate the adjustment of private claims against the United States, and to relieve the committees of Congress of much of their labor. "The court itself," says the Hon. Charles O'Connor, the eminent New York lawyer, "is the first-born of a new judicial era. As a judicial tribunal, it is not only new in the instance; it is also new in principle."

Judge Richardson, before his appointment to the bench of this court, had held judicial offices in Massachusetts, and was at that time a member of President Grant's cabinet as Secretary of the Treasury. The pamphlet before us is, like all of the author's works, carefully prepared, and must be of much service to those who have dealings with the government, as well as others who wish to inform themselves concerning our judiciary.

*An Historical Account of the Memorable Actions, Particularly in Virginia; also against the Admiral of Algier, and in the East Indies; Performed for the Service of his Prince and Country.* By SIR THOMAS GRANTHAM, Knight. With an Introduction. By R. A. BROCK, Esquire, Secretary of the Virginia Historical Society. London: Printed for J. Roberts, near the Oxford-Arms in Warwick Lane, 1716. Richmond, Va.: Reprinted by Carlton McCarthy & Co. 1892. 8vo. pp. 71. Edition, 250 copies only. Price \$2.

The late Joseph Sabin, the bibliographer, in his "Dictionary of Books relating to America," says of the book here reprinted: "A very rare piece. I have seen only one copy." It is supposed that the copy from which this reprint is made and which belongs to the Library of the State of Virginia, is the one to which Mr. Sabin refers.

Capt. Grantham visited Virginia in command of vessels trading with that colony in 1672 and 1676. He was there in the time of Bacon's rebellion, and assisted in compromising matters between some of the insurgents and the government of the colony. The new facts and documents presented in this tract are important, as they throw light "on a part of the history of Virginia on which historians and scholars differ." The tract also gives the "memorable actions" of Sir Thomas in Algiers and the East Indies.

Messrs. Carlton McCarthy & Co., the publishers, have done a good work in getting out a *facsimile* edition of this very rare and curious tract in such a handsome style, and they have been fortunate in obtaining the services of so competent a

scholar as Mr. Brock to edit the work. Few have so thorough a knowledge of the history of the "Old Dominion" as he. The Library Committee of the Virginia Legislature, in their resolution permitting the publishers to reprint the work, expressly limited the number of copies in the edition.

*Annals of Fort Mackinac [Michigan].* By DWIGHT H. KELTON, Lieutenant U. S. Army. Chicago: Fergus Printing Company, 1882. Illustrated. 8vo. pp. 111. Price 50 cents.

This work is only a hint of what might be written under the same title. It is readable as it is, though, as the author says, "much matter of a dry and statistical nature" has been omitted to meet the popular taste. The information is derived from official records, including those on file in the fort, the old books of the American Fur Company, and of the Churches of Mackinac and St. Ignace. Many of the documents were in the French language. There are no records prior to 1695. Not the least interest is the record of marriages from 1725 onward. Senator Thomas W. Ferry was born in the Mission House on the Island, his father, the Rev. William M. Ferry, being pastor of the Old Mission Church. Mr. Ferry has ever taken much interest in the National Park at this place. His portrait serves as frontispiece to the volume.

By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., of Weymouth, Mass.

*Catalogue of the Library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Vol. V. (Third Supplement.)* Prepared by DANIEL S. DURRIE, Librarian, and ISABEL DURRIE, Assistant. Madison, Wis.: David Atwood, State Printer. 1891. 8vo. pp. 685.

The catalogue of this library in two octavo volumes was issued in the year 1873, and was noticed in the REGISTER, vol. xxviii. p. 335. That catalogue contained about fifty-six thousand titles. Since then there have been three supplements printed, of which the third is before us. The five volumes contain over ninety-four thousand titles, so that in about eight years the library has increased nearly seventy per cent. in number, and the value of the library has been increased in a larger ratio.

The catalogue does credit to the compiler, Mr. Durrie, the librarian, and his daughter Miss Isabel Durrie, the assistant librarian.

*Magazine of American History, with Notes and Queries.* A. S. Barnes & Company, New York and Chicago. Small 4to. Published monthly, pp. 72 each number. Price \$5 a year.

On former occasions we have commended this work to our readers. Since the retirement of Mr. John A. Stevens in January last, five numbers, February to June, 1882, have been issued, completing the eighth volume of the work. The new editors, the Rev. B. F. De Costa, D.D., and Mr. Henry P. Johnston, show that they are able to maintain the high reputation of the work, and to furnish their readers with a magazine of a high order illustrative of the history of our country.

*The Antiquarian Magazine and Bibliographer.* Edited by EDWARD WALFORD, M.A., Formerly Scholar of Balliol College, Oxford, and Late Editor of the Gentleman's Magazine. London: William Reeves, 185 Fleet Street; T. Fisher Unwin, 17 Holburn Viaduct; and Simpkins Marshall & Co. 1882. 8vo. vol. i. January to June, 1882. Pp. 340. Published monthly. Annual subscription, 12 shillings, post free.

The *Antiquarian Magazine and Bibliographer* was commenced last January under the editorship of Edward Walford, M.A., formerly editor of the *Gentleman's Magazine* and author of various historical, biographical and antiquarian works. Six numbers completing the first volume have been issued, filled with valuable and interesting articles relating to the history, antiquities and bibliography of Great Britain. Mr. Walford proves himself well fitted for his position, by his learning and talents. The high esteem in which he is held by the leading antiquaries of England enables him to secure the aid of the highest talent in all the departments of his magazine. Our readers will be more interested in this periodical when they are informed that Mr. Walford has New England blood in his veins, his mother having been a granddaughter of Sir William Pepperrell, Bart., the hero of Louisburg, and the first native of this country created a baronet. Reports of the Learned Societies, antiquarian news and correspondence enable the readers of this periodical to become acquainted with the latest researches of English students of antiquity.

*Antiquarian Papers.* Ipswich, Mass. Published Monthly, 25 cents per year, 3 copies 50 cents, 6 copies \$1. Nos. XXII. to XXX. September, 1881, to April, 1882, pp. 4 each number. Rev. Augustine Caldwell and Arthur W. Dove, Ipswich, Mass., P. O. Box 159.

The second volume of this valuable local antiquarian periodical has been completed; and with the January number a third volume was commenced. The work is devoted to the genealogy and history of Ipswich.

*Bulletin de la Société Héraldique et Généalogique de France.* Paris. Aux Bureau de la Société Héraldique et Généalogique de France, 2 Place du Danube. 8vo. Published semi-monthly in numbers of 16 pp. ea. Price 9 francs a year. A. Woog, agent.

This periodical, devoted to the heraldry and genealogy of France, was commenced in January, 1879. Each annual volume is furnished with a full index of subjects and names. A set of the work is before us, the last number being that for May 25, 1882. At the present time, Frenchmen and people of French descent form no inconsiderable portion of the population of the United States. To them a work of this kind will have a deep interest. The contents of each number are divided into three parts. The first part consists of articles published under the sanction of the Society; the second contains articles for which the Society assumes no responsibility; and the third is a miscellany of bibliography and heraldic and genealogical news. Those who have a taste for genealogy and heraldry in general, as well as those who have French blood in their veins, will here find much to interest them.

*Old Copp's Hill Burial Ground. With Historical Sketches.* By E. MACDONALD, Superintendent Copp's Hill. January 1, 1882. Boston: Printed by Benjamin Parks. 1882. 8vo. pp. 48. For sale by the author and by George E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston. Price 25 cents.

We noticed in July, 1879, the first edition of this work (REG. xxxiii. 374). The present edition is improved in many respects. Views of ancient buildings formerly standing at the North End of Boston, and other illustrations, are given. We are sorry to see that Mr. MacDonald puts so much faith in the "memorandum book yellow with age," which the old gentleman from the West showed him in 1878, as to believe that the Grace Berry, whose grave-stone is in this burial ground, really died in 1625 at Plymouth, and was removed in 1659 to Boston.

*The Romance of History in "The Black County," and the Romance of War in the Career of General Robert Smalls, "The Hero of the Planter."* By CHARLES COWLEY. Lowell, Mass.: 1882. 8vo. pp. 12.

These two papers by Judge Cowley contain interesting facts concerning the late civil war. "The Black County" is Beaufort County, South Carolina.

*King's County Genealogical Club Collections.* Vol. I. No. 1. June 1, 1882. 8vo. pp. 15. For sale by E. W. Nash, 80 Nassau Street, New York City. Price 25 cents.

The initial number of these "Collections" contains copies of the inscriptions in the cemetery of the Reformed Dutch Church at New Utrecht, Long Island. It is a valuable addition to the genealogical materials relating to Long Island. We hope the Club will furnish us with equally useful matter in its subsequent numbers.

*The Descendants of John Porter of Windsor, Conn., in the Line of his Great, Great Grandson, Col. Joshua Porter, M.D., of Salisbury, Litchfield County, Conn. With some Account of the Families into which they married.* Printed for the Compilers by George W. Ball, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. 1882. Royal 8vo. pp. 125.

*Damon Memorial, or Notices of Three Damon Families who came from Old England to New England in the XVIIth Century.* By SAMUEL CHENERY DAMON. Honolulu, H. I.: 1882. 12mo. pp. 148. Price \$2, including postage. Sold by S. G. Damon, Arlington, Mass., and by the Author, Rev. Samuel C. Damon, D.D., Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

*A Genealogy of the Allen Family from 1568 to 1882.* Compiled by Hon. WILLIAM ALLEN. Revised by JOSHUA ALLEN. Farmington, Maine: Chronicle Book and Job Press. 1882. 8vo. pp. 31+iv.

*History of the Scripps Family.* By JAMES E. SCRIPPS. Detroit: Printed for Private Circulation. 1882. 12mo. pp. 28.

*Linton—Lacock.* 1831—1881. 12mo. pp. 15.

*Some Account of the Early Streeters of Massachusetts.* By EDWARD DOUBLEDAY HARRIS, of Brooklyn, N. Y. 8vo. pp. 4.

The Porter genealogy is by Messrs. Henry P. Andrews and P. Porter Wiggins, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y. They have long been collecting materials for this work, and have now issued it in a handsome volume, well arranged, well indexed and well printed. We have here the ancestry and descendants of Col. Joshua Porter of the revolutionary army, who was the great-grandfather of the compilers. A feature in this work worth relating is that brief genealogies of the ancestors of the wives and husbands of some of the descendants are introduced. There are often several genealogies under one name, and the labor of compiling them must have been very great. Materials have been collected for a full genealogy of the descendants of John Porter of Windsor, as announced in the REGISTER last year (xxv. 282). We hope that the work will soon appear in print in an equally satisfactory style.

The Damon Memorial is devoted to the Damon families of Reading, Wayland and Scituate; the first being descended from John Damon, an early settler of Reading, Mass., the second from Thomas Damon, who is found in Reading in 1681, and whose grandson Thomas settled at Wayland, Mass., and the third from John Damon, of Scituate, who probably resided there as early as 1639. The author of this work, the Rev. Dr. Damon, of Honolulu, is a native of Holden in this state, and in 1841 published an excellent history of that town. In the volume before us he has collected much matter relating to the Damons in this country and in England, with genealogical notices of the Sherman and other collateral families, and other matter of interest to the name. It is embellished with a photograph of the author, cuts of arms and other illustrations.

The Allen genealogy is devoted to the descendants of George<sup>1</sup> Allen, an early settler of Sandwich, Mass., in the line of his grandson James,<sup>2</sup> son of Samuel.<sup>3</sup> It is handsomely printed, arranged according to the REGISTER plan, and has a good index. The original compiler, the late Hon. William Allen, of whom a sketch is given in the appendix, was the author of histories of Norridgewock and Industry, Maine, works well known to students of local history. His cousin Joshua Allen, of Wayne, Me., has shown care and taste in completing and editing it.

The Scripps genealogy is traced to the parish of Ely, Cambridgeshire, in the beginning of the seventeenth, though none of its members came to America till the next century. The name was originally Crip or Crips. The work seems to be carefully compiled. It is illustrated with a portrait of the author and a view of Ely cathedral.

The Linton-Lacock pamphlet is by James J. Swank, of Philadelphia, who contributed an article on Gen. Abner Lacock to the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, vol. iv., No. 2, pp. 202-8. The pamphlet seems to have been prepared for the golden wedding of John Linton and his wife Adelaide Henrietta, daughter of Gen. Lacock, who were married Sept. 1, 1831. The Linton family is traced to John Linton, son of William Linton, a Scotch-Irish farmer of County Derry, Ireland, who was forced by political troubles to leave Ireland in 1795 and settle in Pennsylvania. It is a fine contribution to the interesting commemoration.

The Streeter genealogy is reprinted from the REGISTER for April last, and its merits are well known to our readers.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC, GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO JUNE, 1882.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

Verrazano the Explorer: being a Vindication of his Letter and Voyage. With an examination of the Map of Hieronimo Da Verrazano, and a dissertation upon the Globe of Vlpus, to which is prefixed a bibliography of the subject. By B. F. De Costa. New York: A. S. Barnes & Company. 1880. Square 8vo. pp. 82.

**Hiawatha and the Iroquois Confederation.** A study in Anthropology. By Horatio Hale. A paper read at the Cincinnati meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in August, 1881, under the title of "A Lawgiver of the Stone Age." Salem, Mass.: Printed at the Salem Press. 1881. 8vo. pp. 20.

**The North-Eastern Boundary,** by Hon. Israel Washburn, Jr., LL.D. Reprinted from the Maine Historical Collections, Vol. viii. Portland: Stephen Berry. 1881. 8vo. pp. 106.

**The True Story of John Smyth the Se-Baptist,** as told by himself and his contemporaries, with an inquiry whether dipping were a new mode of Baptism in England in or about 1641; and some consideration of the historical value of certain extracts from the alleged "Ancient Records" of the Baptist Church of Epworth, Crowle and Butterwick (Eng.), lately published, and claimed to suggest important modifications of the history of the 17th Century, with collections toward a Bibliography of the first two generations of the Baptist Controversy. By Henry Martyn Dexter. Boston: Lee and Shepard. 1881. 4to. pp. 106.

**The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia.** Necrology for 1881. Robert Smith Swords, William Beach Lawrence, John Gorham Palfrey, Joseph Sabin, Ferdinand Keller, Eugene Anthony Vetromile, Samuel Foster Haven, Edwin Augustine Dalrymple. By Charles Henry Hart. Reprinted from the proceedings for 1881. Philadelphia, 1882. 8vo. pp. 19.

Vol. xi. No. 4. **Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers.** Founded Nov. 30, 1864. 1881. Edited by John L. Hayes, LL.D. Boston. Office 95 Milk Street.

**Two chapters in the Early History of Groton, Massachusetts.** By Samuel Abbott Green, M.D. Press of David Clapp & Son. 1882. 8vo. pp. 19.

**History and Causes of the Incorrect Latitudes** as recorded in the journals of the early writers, navigators and explorers, relating to the Atlantic coast of North America, 1535-1740. By the Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, A.M. Boston: Privately printed. 1882. 8vo. pp. 20.

**Directory and Register of Wakefield, Stoneham, Reading, &c.,** with Business and Advertising Directories. No. 3. By Dean Dudley. Wakefield: 1882. 8vo. pp. 226.

**Old Times: A Magazine** devoted to the preservation and publication of documents relating to the early history of North Yarmouth, Maine. . . . Vol. 6, No. 2. Augustus W. Corliss, Yarmouth, Maine, April 1, 1882. 8vo. pp. 834-874.

**Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey,** edited by William A. Whitehead. Vol. III. Administrations of Lords Cornbury and Lovelace, and of Lieutenant Governor Ingoldsby, 1703-1709. Newark, N. J.: Daily Advertiser Printing House. 1881. 8vo. pp. 612.

**Col. Arthur Noble, of Georgetown, Fort Halifax.** Col. William Vaughan, of Matineus and Damariscotta. These papers were read before the Maine Historical Society by Hon. William Goold, of Windham, a member. Reprinted from the Society's eighth volume of Collections for private distribution. Portland: Stephen Berry. Printer. 1881. 8vo. pp. 313.

**Concerning President Garfield's Ancestry.** A communication from the Rev. Edward G. Porter, read at the October meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1881. 8vo. pp. 15.

**The Dover Settlement and the Hiltons.** By John T. Hassam, A.M. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1882. 8vo. pp. 9.

**History, Jurisdiction and Practice of the Court of Claims of the United States.** By William A. Richardson, LL.D., one of the Judges of the Court. From the Southern Law Review. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1882. 8vo. pp. 30.

**Inaugural Address of Samuel Abbott Green,** Mayor of Boston, to the City Council, January 2, 1882. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, No. 39 Arch Street. 1882. 8vo. pp. 14.

**Remarks upon a Coin of Sicily,** by Henry Phillips, Jr. Reprinted from the American Journal of Numismatics for January, 1882. Philadelphia: 1882. 8vo. pp. 9.

**Fourth Annual Report of the Librarian of the Providence Public Library** for the year ending December 31, 1881. Providence: E. L. Freeman & Co., Printers to the State. 1882.

John S. Stone, D.D. A Memorial Sermon. [By the Rev. George Zabriskie Gray.] 8vo. pp. 12.

Events in the history of New York City, with illustrations from Shakspeare. By a New Yorker. 2 vols. 1880 and 1881. 8vo.

Secular Prosperity and Spiritual Perversity. A sermon preached in the Central Congregational Church, Chelsea, Mass., by the Pastor, Rev. Charles P. H. Nason, M.A., on Fast Day, April 6, 1882. Published by request. Boston: Moses H. Sargent & Sons, No. 12 Bromfield Street. 1882. 8vo. pp. 24.

Address delivered at the dedication of the Shedd Free Library Building, Washington, N. H., Dec. 21, 1881, by Carroll D. Wright, of Reading, Mass. Washington, N. H.: Printed by F. H. Howe. 1882. Small 8vo. pp. 20.

Essays on various subjects, chiefly Roman. By Monsignor Seton, D.D. New York: The Catholic Publication Society Co., 9 Barclay St. 1882. 8vo. pp. 308.

## II. Other Publications.

Sketch of Edward Coles, second Governor of Illinois, and of the Slavery Struggle of 1823-4. Prepared for the Chicago Historical Society. By E. B. Washburne, Honorary Member of the Society. Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Company. 1882. 8vo. pp. 263.

Anniversary Memoirs of the Boston Society of Natural History, published in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Society's foundation, 1830-1880. Boston: Published by the Society. 1880. Folio, pp. 250.

1730-1880. The Lord hath been mindful of us. Historical Addresses delivered on the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the First Congregational Church, Concord, N. H., Nov. 18, 1880. Published by vote of the Church. Concord, N. H.: Printed at the office of the Granite Monthly. 1881. 8vo. pp. 72.

Proceedings of the Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia at Yorktown, on the 17th and 18th days of October, 1881. Richmond: James E. Goode, Printer. 1881. 8vo. pp. 77.

Archæologia: or Miscellaneous Tracts relating to Antiquity. Published by the Society of Antiquaries of London. Vol. xlv. London: Printed by Nichols and Sons, 25 Parliament Street. Sold at the Society's apartments in Burlington House. 1881. Folio, pp. 614.

The first Voyage under Sir Humphrey Gilbert's Patent of 1578. By George Dexter. Reprinted from the proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1881. 8vo. pp. 12.

Origin of the Names of the States of the Union. By Hamilton B. Staples. A paper read at the regular meeting of the American Antiquarian Society, October 21, 1881, and published in the proceedings. Worcester, Mass.: Press of Charles Hamilton, 311 Main Street. 1882.

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The Engraved Portraits of Washington, with notices of the originals, and brief biographical sketches of the painters. By W. S. Baker. Philadelphia: Lindsay and Baker. 1880. Large 8vo. pp. 212.

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Washington's Reception by the people of New Jersey in 1789. By William S. Stryker, Adjutant General of New Jersey. Printed for private distribution. Trenton, N. J.: Naar, Day and Naar, Book and Job Printers. 1882. 8vo. pp. 22.

Biographical and Historical Record of the Class of 1835 in Yale College, for the fifty years from the admission of the class to college. Printed for private distribution. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, Printers, 371 State Street. 1881. 8vo. pp. 229.



**New Connecticut. An Autobiographical Poem.** By A. Bronson Alcott. Boston: Privately printed. 1881. Small 8vo. pp. 158.

**Eulogy upon the Life, Character and Public Services of James Abram Garfield,** late President of the United States, delivered by Hon. George F. Hoar, at the invitation of the City Council of the City of Worcester, Mass., in Mechanics' Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 30, 1881. Worcester, Mass.: Press of Charles Hamilton, No. 311 Main Street. 1882. 8vo. pp. 27.

**Elizabeth Seton et les Commencements de l'église Catholique aux Etats-Unis.** Par Mme De Barberry, ouvrage couronné par l'Académie Française. November, 1871. Quatrième Edition, revue et augmentée, Deux tomes. Paris Librairie Poussielgue Frères Rue Cassette, 15. 1880. 12mo.

**Labrador, a Poetical Epistle** by George Cartwright, Esq., 1783. Reprinted for W. H. Whiteley, Esq. 1882. St. Johns, Nfld.: J. C. Withers, Queen's Printer. 8vo. pp. 18.

**Contributions of the Old Residents' Historical Association, Lowell, Mass.,** Organized Dec. 21, 1868. Vol. ii. No. 2. Published by the Association, January, 1882. Lowell, Mass.: Stone, Bacheller & Livingston, Printers, No. 18 Jackson Street. 1882. 8vo. pp. 212.

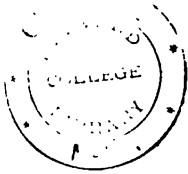
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**Biographical Sketch of Nahum Capen, LL.D.** Taken with portrait from the pages of the Biographical Encyclopædia of Massachusetts of the 19th Century. Published by the Metropolitan Publishing and Engraving Company. New York: 1880. Folio.

### **The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register,**

Contains, besides these "Book Notices," a variety of valuable and interesting matter concerning the History, Antiquities, Genealogy and Biography of America. It was commenced in 1847, and is the oldest historical periodical now published in this country. It is issued quarterly (each number containing at least 96 octavo pages, with a portrait on steel) by the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, 18 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass. Price, \$3 per annum in advance. Single numbers, 75 cents each.



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*Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey.* Edited by WILLIAM A. WHITEHEAD. Newark, N. J.: Daily Advertiser Printing House. 1880-2. 8vo. vol. i. (1880) pp. xxiii.+556; vol. ii. (1881) pp. xxi.+559; vol. iii. (1881) pp. xiii.+512; vol. iv. (1882) pp. xv.+464.

This series of volumes has been compiled and edited by Mr. Whitehead, by authority of the state of New Jersey at the request of the New Jersey Historical Society, and under the direction of a committee of that society consisting of the Hon. Nathaniel Niles, ex-Gov. Marcus L. Ward, ex-Gov. Joel Parker and the editor.

In 1843, two years before the formation of the New Jersey Historical Society, the gentlemen who afterwards organized that society, believing that it was desirable to obtain from the English archives copies of documents relating to the provincial history of the state, brought the subject to the attention of the legislature, but though recommended by the governor and favorably reported upon, nothing resulted from it. In 1846 the Historical Society petitioned the legislature on the subject, and again a recommendation from the governor and a favorable report were obtained, but the measure was once more defeated. "The society, however, continued its endeavors to effect the object in view; and in 1849, through private subscriptions, secured sufficient funds to take the preparatory step of obtaining an index to the New Jersey Colonial Documents in the State Paper Office, through an agent in London. This was in 1851; and in 1854 the duty of editing the index was assigned to Mr. Whitehead." In 1858 the work was published as the fifth volume of the soci-

ety's collections, the legislature subscribing for 500 copies. This "Analytical Index" showed the value of the documents. "But still, it was not until 1872, through the instrumentality of the Hon. Nathaniel Niles, member of the legislature from Morris county, that authority was given to the society to procure copies of all papers directly referring to the history of the state which might be found in the State Paper Offices in England. This was subsequently, in 1874, so modified as to include the procurement of documents of a like import that might be found elsewhere; and in 1878 the authority was still further extended to the arranging, collating and publishing the papers thus procured."

The first two volumes contain documents "connected with the period antedating the surrender of the government of the Crown in 1703, which may be termed the Proprietary Era." The third and fourth volumes, the last of which is just issued, are devoted to the "documents connected with the Union Era, or the administrations of the governors to whose charge was committed both the provinces of New York and New Jersey," to the year 1720. Another volume, it is calculated, will bring the documents down to the year 1738, and complete the Union Era. "The succeeding volumes will contain those relating to the Provincial Era, or that portion of the history of New Jersey covered by the various administrations, from that of Lewis Morris in 1738 to that of William Franklin, with which the rule of England in New Jersey closed." If the work is carried on according to the views of the Historical Society, there will probably be ten or twelve more volumes published.

The volumes already published preserve a mass of documents illustrating the history of New Jersey which will be invaluable to the historian of the state and others who wish to study its annals. Mr. Whitehead deserves great praise for the admirable manner in which he has brought them out. Each volume has a full index.

*Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. Session 1880-81.*

Volume xxxiii. Liverpool: Adam Holden, 48 Church Street. 1881. 8vo. pp. 284.

The previous volume in this series for 1879-80, was noticed in our issue for April, 1881, by the late Col. Chester, to whose notice our readers are referred for information concerning the society and its publications.

The present volume was edited by the honorary secretary of the society, Charles T. Gatly, F.S.A., of Liverpool. It contains—1. Some Old County Sports, by the Rev. T. E. Gibson; 2. Lancashire in the time of Charles II., by Lieut. Col. Fishwick, F.S.A.; 3. Sunday in Lancashire and Cheshire, by William E. A. Axon, M.R.L.S.; 4. Architectural Antiquities of the Church of St. Wilfred, by Thomas Barns, B.A.; 5. The Liverpool Potteries, by Charles T. Gatly, F.S.A.; 6. Extracts from the Registers of the Nonconformist Chapel, Dukinfield, 1677-1713, by J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A.; 7. The Roman Roads of Lancashire, by W. Thompson Watkin; 8. The Mock Corporation of Sephton, by the Rev. Engelbert Horley, M.A.; 9. On the Arms existing in the Churches of Prescott, Wigan and Liverpool in 1590, by J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A.; and 10. Ince Blundell Charters, translated by T. N. Mornton. These papers show learning and research, and throw much light on different portions of the history of the two counties. The volume also contains the proceedings of the society, and other matters interesting to the antiquary.

The honorary members of this society are limited to thirty, as stated by Col. Chester. Since his death the only American on the list is an officer of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

*History of the Town of Montpelier, including that of the Town of East Montpelier for the first One Hundred and Two Years.* [From Vol. iv. of the Vermont Historical Gazetteer.] Montpelier, Vt. Published by Miss A. M. Hemenway. 1862. 8vo. pp. from 251 to 592. Illustrated.

The people of Vermont and those who have gone out from her borders to other states are under great obligations to Miss Hemenway for her zeal and ardor in gathering historic information of every county and town in the state. Her volumes have rendered service not alone in preserving history, but in enlisting the services of others, and awakening a new historic interest. In the years before us, while grateful for what has been accomplished, we can only feel that there will be those in training to produce a fuller and more systematic history of the state. These words are introductory to the history of Montpelier, the capital city, and of East Montpelier, which previous to 1849 was attached to it. This volume is only a part of the Fourth Vol-

ume of the *Gazetteer*, and has been put in this separate form for those especially interested in that place. In it are many reminiscences of the early pioneers, history of parishes of various denominations, societies of various orders, accounts of various trades, professions and business, and portraits and biography of those in many walks of life. The chief ones assisting in the work before us are the Hon. Eliakim P. Walton, Marcus D. Gilman, Charles D. Bancroft, Hiram Atkins, the Hon. S. S. Kelton and others. Extracts are also made from Thompson's *History of Vermont*. Col. Jacob Davis, of Charlton, Mass., a veteran of the Revolution, and one of the founders of the Leicester Academy, was the first permanent resident of Montpelier, purchasing large tracts of land in 1780, and removing to his wilderness home in 1787. He was a man of wide influence in all local concerns, religious, political and social.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., Weymouth, Mass.*

*History of Great Barrington (Berkshire County), Massachusetts.* By CHARLES J. TAYLOR. Great Barrington, Mass.: Clark W. Bryan and Co. 1882. 12mo. pp. 516. With a full index. Price \$2 cloth, plain; \$2.25 cloth, red edges; \$2.50 half calf. Sent postpaid by the publishers on receipt of price.

This book bears the marks of great research and conscientious study. The town has an interesting history, and the author has done justice to his subject.

Great Barrington was one of the two townships on the Housatonic river granted by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1722, known as the Upper and Lower Housatonic Townships. Great Barrington was the upper township and Sheffield the lower. This territory, and indeed a large part of Berkshire County, seem to have been included in the patent of Westenhook, granted in 1705, by Lord Cornbury, governor of New York, to Peter Schuyler and other citizens of that province; but there is no evidence that any improvements under the patent were made in the Housatonic valley previous to its occupancy by Massachusetts settlers. It occasioned, however, much trouble to the inhabitants for a number of years after their settlement here.

The Upper Housatonic township was settled as early as 1727, but was not incorporated as a separate town till June 30, 1761. It was a custom at that time to pass the acts of incorporation with the name left blank, and allow the governor to give names to the places. Francis Bernard was then governor of Massachusetts, and probably gave the name as a compliment to his wife's relatives, John Shute, the first Vicount Barrington, being a brother to her mother, as he also was to Gov. Samuel Shute; or the name may have been derived from Great Barrington in Gloucestershire.

The lower Housatonic township was incorporated in 1733 as Sheffield, and a portion of the upper township was included in that town. In March, 1743, the upper township was incorporated as a precinct or parish of the town of Sheffield, and known as the North Parish of that town. On the 28th of December following, the Rev. Samuel Hopkins, afterwards of Newport, R. I., celebrated as an author and the founder of Hopkinsianism, was ordained as pastor of the parish. Before this, in 1734, a mission to the Housatonic Indians, under the care of the Rev. John Sergeant, had been established here; but it was removed to Stockbridge a year and a half later.

The aboriginal, industrial, civil, religious and military history of the place is well and faithfully narrated by Mr. Taylor. Many interesting episodes in its annals are given. Here is situated Monument Mountain, whose traditions have been enshrined in verse by the poet Bryant, and here are other interesting localities.

A map of the Housatonic townships in 1761, showing the ancient boundaries, has been compiled for the work by Frank L. Pope, of Elizabeth, N. J., who has otherwise assisted and encouraged the author in his labors.

*King's County Genealogical Club Collections.* Vol. I. No. 2, July 1, 1882, pp. 13; No. 3, August 1, 1882, pp. 13. For sale by E. W. Nash, 80 Nassau Street, New York city. Price 25 cents a number.

The first number of this useful work was noticed in our last. The second and third numbers, now before us, like that contain inscriptions from tomb-stones in King's County. The second number contains those in the Cemetery of the Reformed Dutch Church, Flatlands, L. I., and private cemeteries adjacent; and the third those in the Cemetery of the Reformed Dutch Church, Gravesend, L. I., and the adjacent private cemeteries. We recommend this periodical to our genealogical readers.

*Re-dedication of the Old State House, Boston, July 11, 1882.* Boston: Printed by Order of the City Council. 1882. 8vo. pp. 77.

The lease of the Old State House, which after the city offices were removed from it in 1841, had been used for business purposes, expired July 1, 1881 (see REGISTER, xxiv. 283, 388); and after an animated and prolonged discussion the city voted to restore the building to the appearance it wore a century ago, and to retain control, for public uses, of the upper part, formerly the council chamber and the representatives' hall.

The work on the building having been finished, it was re-dedicated in July last, when Mr. William H. Whitmore—to whom is due the principal honor of causing this historic edifice to be restored to the form in which it met the eyes of the patriots of the revolution, and to be preserved for the benefit of the public—delivered an able address, in which he sketched the history of the building and glanced at some of the thrilling events which have transpired within its walls or on the spot where it stands. A prayer was made by the Rev. Rufus Ellis, D.D., and brief addresses were delivered by Alderman Charles H. Hersey, acting as chairman of the committee in charge of the restoration of the building, the Hon. Dr. Samuel A. Green, mayor of the city, and the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, Ph.D., president of the Historic Genealogical Society.

Speaking of the Old State House, Faneuil Hall and the Old South, Mayor Green said:

“These three structures are full of historic reminiscences and associations, and I envy not the man who can approach any one of them with ordinary feelings. Rude though they are in external form, they represent in their traditions the highest forms of religion and patriotism, as understood by the framers of our government. He lacks some of the human sensibilities whose heart is not thrilled, and whose emotions are not quickened, when he enters their portals.”

The part of the building where most of the events which have made it famous took place, is now in charge of the Bostonian Society, an association whose objects are to promote the study of the history of Boston and to preserve its antiquities.

*The Congregational Year-Book, 1882.* Issued under the Sanction of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States. Boston: Congregational Publishing House. 1882. 8vo. pp. 266. Price 75 cents postpaid.

This is the fourth issue of the Congregational Year-Book under its present auspices, the first having appeared in 1879. A work with the same title and with similar contents was issued at New York by the American Congregational Union, for six years, from 1854 to 1859, both inclusive. It was then discontinued, but the statistics of the Congregational churches and ministers of this country were incorporated in the *Congregational Quarterly*, commencing with the second volume of that work (1860) and continuing to its twentieth and closing volume (1878). We have thus a complete series of these statistics in print for twenty-nine years.

The book before us contains the General Statistics of the denomination for the last year; alphabetical lists of the Congregational Ministers and of the officers and students of the Theological Seminaries; the annual record of changes; the Vital Statistics of the Congregational Ministers deceased in 1881; statements of the national coöperative societies; the national and state organization of churches, and other miscellaneous information.

For many years the collection and arrangement of these statistics have been chiefly under the direction of the Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., who has carried the work to a high degree of perfection. For the years 1877 and 1878 this work was performed by the Rev. Christopher Cushing, D.D., recently deceased. He kept up the same standard of fullness and exactness which had before prevailed. For the last eight years the Vital Statistics of the ministers of the denomination have been prepared by the Rev. H. A. Hazen with great minuteness and care.

We recommend this year-book as a model for those of other denominations.

*The Pioneer Monthly. History, Biography, Incident, devoted to the Early History of Western New York and to the Interests of its Pioneer and Historical Societies.* G. W. MASON, A.M., Editor. Nunda, New York. 8vo. 32 pages. Terms, \$1.50 per year.

The numbers for July and August, 1882 (Vol. ii. Nos. 1 and 2) of this work are at hand. This new magazine offers an opportunity of which we trust the antiquaries of western New York will take advantage. Though this section of country is less than a century old to the whites, it has played a prominent part in the enlarging and widening the prosperity of the country. The harvest-time campaign of

Gen. Sullivan in 1779 against the Six Nations started the reputation of the fertility of Genessee soil, and ere the century closed western New York was well peopled by farmers gaining wealth by raising of the famous Genessee wheat. The Holland, and Phelps and Gorham Purchases surely have a history, and we trust this monthly, which well begins its work, will do much towards preserving incidents of the early settlers. The Indian history of western New York is rich, and the industrious antiquary has an ample field.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., Weymouth, Mass.*

*The Narragansett Historical Register, a Magazine devoted to the Antiquities, Genealogy and Historical Matter illustrating the history of the Narragansett Country or Southern Rhode Island.* JAMES N. ARNOLD, Editor. Published by the Narragansett Historical Publishing Company. Hamilton, R. I. Vol. I. No. 1, July. No. 2, October. 1882. 8vo. pp. 80 each. Published quarterly. Price \$2 a year.

*Our Ancestors, a Genealogical and Biographical Magazine.* Edited by M. A. De L. VAN HORN. Published by the Genealogical Association of Pa. and N. J., No. 3114 Walnut St., Philadelphia. Vol. I. No. 1. July, 1882. 8vo. pp. 48. Published quarterly. Price \$2 a year. Single numbers 50 cts.

We give above the titles of two new periodicals devoted to history, genealogy and biography, to which we extend a cordial welcome.

The Narragansett Historical Register is devoted to the history and genealogy of Southern Rhode Island. It is handsomely printed on fine paper, and is edited with care and ability. It contains valuable historical and biographical articles, records of births, deaths and marriages, notes and queries. &c. &c.

Our Ancestors is well printed, and filled with interesting matter relating to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, such as biographies, genealogies, grave-stone inscriptions, church records, &c.

*The Illustrated Fryeburg Webster Memorial.* Fryeburg, Me.; A. F. & C. W. Lewis. 1882. 8vo. pp. 39. Sent postpaid by the publishers, Fryeburg, price 50 cts.

*The Newly-discovered Fourth of July Oration, by the Illustrious Orator and Statesman, Daniel Webster; delivered at Fryeburg, Me., in the Year 1802, and now for the first time given to the Public.* Boston, Mass.: A. Williams & Co. Fryeburg, Me.: A. F. & C. W. Lewis. 1882. 8vo. pp. 16. Price 25 cts. Sent postpaid by A. F. & C. W. Lewis, Fryeburg, Me.

The principal article in the pamphlet whose title is first given above, is a hitherto unpublished oration by Daniel Webster, delivered when a young man at Fryeburg, Me., while teaching at the academy there. This was accidentally discovered recently and rescued from destruction. The oration shows a maturity of thought unusual in one at Mr. Webster's age, and the editors point out the fact that the last speech made by him in the United States senate, July 17, 1850, concludes with the same peroration as this: "The last end which can happen to any man never comes too soon, if he falls in defence of the laws and liberties of his country."

Besides this oration, the pamphlet contains a few of Mr. Webster's letters from Fryeburg, and other interesting matter relating to Mr. Webster and to Fryeburg, and concludes with some poetry, original and select, on Fryeburg and Lovewell's Fight with the Indians, which was fought here in 1725. Among the poems is one by the poet Longfellow, written for the centennial celebration of the Fight in 1825, not included in any edition of his poems, and which is supposed to be the earliest poem printed with his name attached. The editors deserve praise for the many interesting matters collected from obscure sources and here printed. The work is illustrated with a heliotype view of Fryeburg, a portrait of Webster when a young man, and views of his Fryeburg home, the academy in which he taught, the church where he delivered the oration, and other illustrations.

The second pamphlet contains the oration and several of the illustrations.

*Semi-Centennial of the City of Utica, March 1st, 1882, and the First Annual Supper of the Half Century Club, March 2d, 1882.* Published by the Oneida Historical Society. Utica, N. Y.: Curtiss & Childs, Printers. 1882. 8vo. pp. 196.

The charter of the city of Utica was adopted Feb. 13, 1832, and a city government was organized under its provisions on the 1st of March. The fiftieth anniversary of this event was commemorated by the Oneida Historical Society last spring. The present volume contains the proceedings at this celebration, and also the doings

at a commemorative supper, March 2, by the Half Century Club, a newly organized association, consisting of natives of Utica and of other citizens who have resided there fifty years. The chairman of the committee of arrangements for the celebration by the Historical Society was Robert S. Williams, Esq., and the success attending it does credit to his exertions. The Hon. William J. Bacon presided at the meeting. The addresses delivered and letters read on that occasion preserve many interesting reminiscences of the city and the people who have lived there, such as only an occasion like this will bring out. The volume is handsomely printed and is embellished with excellent artotype portraits of the three first mayors of the city, Joseph Kirkland, Henry Seymour and John C. Devereux.

*Essex Institute Historical Collections.* Vol. xviii. Salem, Mass.: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1881. 8vo. pp. 312; Vol. xix. Nos. 1 to 6, Jan. to June, 1882. Pp. 80.

*Bulletin of the Essex Institute.* Vol. xiii. 1881. Salem, Mass.: Printed at the Salem Press. 1882. 8vo. pp. 188; Vol. xiv. Nos. 1 to 6, Jan. to June, 1882. Pp. 104.

*Plummer Hall. Its Libraries, its Collections, its Historical Associations.* Salem, Mass.: Printed at the Salem Press. 1882. 16mo. pp. 58.

*Salem Commons and Commoners, or the Economic Beginnings of Massachusetts.* By HERBERT B. ADAMS. Salem: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1882. 8vo. pp. 35.

The "Historical Collections" and the "Bulletin" of the Essex Institute have been frequently noticed in these pages. The volumes and numbers of these periodicals now before us are filled with the same excellent matter as those that have preceded them. The "Collections" contain historical and genealogical matter relating to Essex County. The "Bulletin" is devoted to the proceedings of the Institute, which are here brought down to the annual meeting, May 15, 1882.

Plummer Hall, where the Essex Institute is located, was built with money bequeathed to the Salem Athenæum by Miss Caroline Plummer, who died in 1854. The pamphlet whose title appears above gives an account of her and her family; also of the building and the several institutions which occupy it, namely, the Salem Athenæum, the Essex Institute, the Essex Agricultural Society, and the Essex South District Medical Society.

"Salem Commons and Commoners" is by Prof. Adams of Johns Hopkins University, who contributed to the last two numbers of the REGISTER an exhaustive article on "Constables." The present pamphlet exhibits the same thorough research and critical skill on a kindred topic. It is divided into three parts. Part I. is entitled "The Fisher Plantation of Cape Ann;" Part II., "Origin of Salem Plantation;" and Part III., "House Lots, Ten Acre Lots, Widows' Lots, Maids' Lots."

*Old Times: A Magazine devoted to the Preservation and Publication of Documents relating to the Early History of North Yarmouth, Maine.* Augustus W. Corliss, Yarmouth, Maine. Vol. VI. No. 4. Oct. 1, 1882. 8vo. Published quarterly. Price 30 cts. a number. Address A. W. Corliss, P. O. Box 261, Yarmouth, Me.

The October number of this valuable periodical is published, completing Vol. VI. for the year 1882. It contains genealogies of several families, besides other matters of interest. This magazine is not confined to the history and genealogy of the present town of North Yarmouth; but it also preserves, as far as practicable, incidents deserving of record relative to the offshoots from that town, viz., Harpswell, Freeport, Pownal, Cumberland and Yarmouth.

Genealogies of the following families have appeared in the six volumes of "Old Times": Bradbury, p. 718; Bucknam, p. 111; Corliss, pp. 285, 326; Cutter, p. 764; Drinkwater, pp. 123, 386; Field, p. 448; Gray, p. 346; Greely, p. 42; Hawes, p. 841; Humphrey, pp. 695, 833; Loring, p. 875; Mitchell, p. 247; Oakes, p. 635; Prince, p. 563; Ring, p. 913; Royall, p. 573; Russell, p. 355; Seabury, p. 373; Soule, p. 813; Stockbridge, p. 806; True, p. 27; Weare, p. 475; Wyman, pp. 161, 661. The volumes are not paged separately.

"Mark the Perfect Man." *A Sermon Preached in Trinity Church, Newport, R. I., on the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 19th, 1882.* By the Rev. GEORGE J. MAGILL, Rector. [Newport. 1882.] Fcp. 4to. pp. 21.

The Rev. Mr. Magill, in the sermon whose title we give, pays a just tribute to the worth of the late Dr. King, of Newport, whose obituary was printed in the REGISTER for July last.

*The true story of John Smyth, the Se-Baptist, as told by himself and his Contemporaries; with an inquiry whether dipping were a new mode of baptism in England in or about 1641; and some consideration of the historical value of certain extracts from the alleged "Ancient Records" of the Baptist Church of Epworth, Crowle, and Butterwick (Eng.), lately published, and claimed to suggest important modifications of the history of the 17th century. With Collections toward a bibliography of the first two generations of the Baptist Controversy.* By HENRY MARTYN DEXTER. Boston: Lee & Shepard. 1881. Sm. 4to. pp. 106.

This little quarto, plain but neat and attractive, contains about as much labor and learning as can be crowded into any book of its size. The question whether John Smyth baptized himself or not, more than two hundred years ago, might seem, at first view, not large and important enough to serve as the foundation of a book. Yet such a question, by its historical connections and successions, and by its relations to the various branches of the Christian church, broadens itself out until large interests hang upon it. Dr. Dexter has attempted, in this volume, to answer the question in such a way as to leave no room for doubt. The citation of authorities is on the amplest scale. It would seem as though every scrap of information which could throw light upon it had been gleaned out of the old books and pamphlets and set in array in the present volume. One marvels at the number of witnesses who are brought forward to deliver their testimony along the whole line of this investigation. If it is possible to prove any fact belonging to the past, we should say that it is here proved and established, beyond a doubt, respecting John Smyth, that he did baptize himself.

The last eighteen pages of the volume are filled full with the titles of the books and pamphlets, more than four hundred in number, bearing upon questions connected with the early Baptist controversies.

*By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D D., of Newton.*

*Receipt and Investment of the Geneva Award Money.* 8vo. pp. 7.

In June last, Mr. Frank W. Hackett, who was engaged on a work concerning the Geneva Award, addressed a letter to the Hon. William A. Richardson, who was Secretary of the Treasury when that award was paid by Great Britain, asking him to explain how he solved the problem of receiving this large amount of coin into the treasury and investing it in United States bonds without deranging the business of the country. Judge Richardson replied, giving the details. These two letters form the present pamphlet.

*Old Swedes' Church, Philadelphia, Marriage Records, 1750-1863. Carefully Transcribed from the Original Records.* By PAUL M'FARLAND, Jr., No. 311 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. No. 4. 1882. 8vo. pp. 64. Price 50 cts.

The first number of this valuable series was noticed by us, July, 1879, and the second April, 1880. The present number contains the marriages recorded from October, 1779, to December, 1807, by the Rev. Nicholas Collin, D.D., the rector of the Old Swedes' Church. The records of the Rev. Dr. Collin are remarkably full in regard to the parentage of the parties married, and other genealogical matters. Mr. M'Farland is deserving of great praise for the handsome and accurate manner in which he is bringing out this work.

*The Boston Directory, containing the City Record, a Directory of the Citizens, and a Business Directory.* No. 78. For the Year commencing July 1, 1882. Boston: Sampson, Davenport and Company, 155 Franklin Street. 1882. 8vo. pp. 1560. With a map. Price \$5.

The *Boston Directory* still holds its place at the head of American directories in answering all the purposes of a work of this kind. The number of names this year is 155,426, being an increase of 4,933. The changes have been 125,260, or over eighty per cent. of the whole number of names. This shows the amount of labor annually expended in the production of the book.

*The Family of Leete with Special Reference to the Genealogy of Joseph Leete, Esq., F.S.S., Chevaier de la Légion d'Honneur, South Norroy, Surrey.* Collected by the late CHARLES BRIDGER, Esq., F.R.H.S., and Edited by J. CORBET ANDERSON. 1881. Printed for Private Circulation. Sm. 4to. pp. xxii.+113.

*A Short History of the Slocums, Slocumbs and Slocombs of America, Genealogical and Biographical; Embracing Eleven Generations of the First-named Family from 1637 to 1881.* By CHARLES ELIHU SLOCUM, M.D., Ph.D. Syracuse, N. Y.: Published by the Author. 1822. 8vo. pp. 644. Price \$7.50, or \$7.80 by mail.



- The Jordan Memorial. Family Records of the Rev. Robert Jordan and his Descendants in America.* Compiled by TRISTRAM FROST JORDAN. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1882. 8vo. pp. 488. Price \$5.
- The Newhall Family of Lynn, Massachusetts.* By HENRY F. WATERS. Part I. Salem: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1882. 8vo. pp. 109. Price 75 cts.
- The Book of the Varian Family. With Some Speculations as to their Origin, etc.* By SAM. BRIGGS. Cleveland, Ohio: 1881. 8vo. pp. 102. One hundred copies only printed.
- Memorial Services and Notices of George William Salter of Washington, D. C.* Washington, D. C.: R. Beresford, Printer. 1882. 8vo. pp. 47. Appendix containing a Genealogy of G. W. Salter.
- First Families of Old Monmouth. Salter Family.* By J. E. STILLWELL, M.D., New York city. 8vo. pp. 11.
- The Williams Family, tracing the Descendants of Ezekiel Williams of Roxbury, Mass.* Compiled by THOMAS W. SEWARD, Utica, N. Y. Boston: Printed for Private Distribution. 1882. 8vo. pp. 17.
- Bartholomew and Richard Cheever and Some of their Descendants.* By JOHN T. HASSAM, A.M. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1882. 8vo. pp. 11.
- Wentworths at Bermuda.* By the Hon. JOHN WENTWORTH, LL.D., of Chicago, Ill. Boston, 1882. 8vo. pp. 4.
- Paine Family Records.* Edited by HENRY D. PAINE, M.D., 26 West 30th Street, New York city. Vol. II. Nos. 6 and 7, April and July, 1882. Published quarterly. \$1 a year.

We continue our quarterly notices of recently published genealogies.

The Leete genealogy was compiled for Joseph Leete, Esq., of South Norroy, Surrey, England, by the late well-known genealogist, Charles Bridger, and has been completed and edited by J. Corbet Anderson. Mr. Leete has caused it to be printed for the use of his children and other relatives. It makes an elegant volume. Only 150 copies were printed. A large tabular pedigree, 20 by 33 inches, gives the pedigree of Mr. Leete for eleven generations from John Leete, who lived, in the early part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, at Everden, Cambridgeshire. The genealogical collections here preserved consist of heralds' visitations, parish registers or bishops' transcripts, records of wills and administrations, and other authoritative English documents. This volume will particularly interest those Americans who trace their descent from Gov. William Leete of Connecticut, as in it are printed visitations signed by his father John Leete of Dodington, co. Huntingdon, in 1613, and by his nephew of the same name in 1684, from which his ancestry is traced to his grandfather, Thomas Leete of Ockington, co. Cambridge, who married Mary, daughter of Edward Slude of Rushton, co. Northampton. Gov. Leete's mother was Anne, daughter of Robert Shute, and his first wife, the mother of all his children, who came to this country and died in 1668, was Anne, daughter of John Payne, minister of Southhoe, co. Huntingdon.

The Slocum genealogy, by Dr. Slocum of Syracuse, who contributed a brief article on this family to the REGISTER for October, 1880, is a very full and elaborate work, and is admirably prepared in every respect. It shows thorough and persistent research. The author gives the descendants in the female lines as far as ascertained. Of many of the individuals he has been able to insert brief biographical sketches containing the important events in their lives. It was his aim, however, "to keep the style of these sketches simple and clear, and to avoid prolix and laudatory histories." The genealogy is arranged on the plan used in the REGISTER, and we would recommend it as a model for those who wish to use our plan for a large work. The book is got up in a superior style, and is illustrated by numerous fine portraits, most of them on steel. The indexes are all that could be desired. The earlier members of this family in New England belonged to the Society of Friends.

Mr. Jordan, of Metuchen, N. J., has been engaged for several years in collecting materials for a genealogy of his family, and the result is the goudly volume before us. The Rev. Robert Jordan, the progenitor of this family, came to New England as early as 1641, and settled in Maine near the present city of Portland. A historical sketch, entitled "Maine in the Seventeenth Century," is prefixed. The Rev. Mr. Jordan was prominent in the events of that colony. The book is arranged on the Vinton plan, except that the descendants of the several sons of the emigrant

ancestor are given in separate divisions. The indexes are full. It is handsomely printed, and is embellished with portraits and other illustrations.

The Newhall genealogy is by Mr. Waters, whose reputation as an accomplished antiquary is well known to our readers. Whatever he undertakes he does thoroughly, and this is emphatically true of this his last genealogical publication. The families here recorded are descended from two brothers, Thomas and Anthony Newhall, early settlers of Lynn. The biographical sketches are full and minute, and authorities are given for important facts.

The Varian genealogy is principally devoted to the descendants of Isaac Varian, who is found in New York city as early as 1720. It is faithfully compiled and well indexed. Portraits of several persons bearing the name, and of the author, whose paternal grandmother was a Varian, are given, besides other illustrations.

The Salter family, to which the two next pamphlets are devoted, is descended from Richard Salter, who settled in Monmouth County, N. J., as early as 1687. Mr. Salter, whose memorial services are printed in the first pamphlet, was a young man of much promise, the son of the Hon. Edwin Salter, of Washington, who died in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, March 27, 1890, aged 26.

The Williams, Cheever and Wentworth pamphlets are reprints from the REGISTER of July last, and their merits are well known to our readers.

Dr. Payne's Family Record maintains the reputation which previous numbers have acquired.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC, GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO AUG. 1, 1882.

### *I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.*

Memorial of Henry Wolcott, one of the first settlers of Windsor, Conn., and of some of his Descendants. By Samuel Wolcott. Printed for private distribution. New York: Anson D. F. Randolph and Company. 1881. 4to. pp. xviii.+439.

The Horticulture of Boston and Vicinity. By Marshall P. Wilder. Boston: Tolman & White, Printers. 1881. 8vo. pp. 85. Privately printed.

Harlem (City of New York): its Origin and early annals. Prefaced by home scenes in the Fatherlands; or notices of its Founders before Emigration. Also sketches of numerous families, and the recovered history of Land-titles. With Illustrations and Maps. By James Riker, author of the Annals of Newtown. . . . New York: Printed for the author. 1881. 8vo. cloth, pp. xiv.+636.

The Antiquarian Magazine and Bibliographer. Edited by Edward Walford, M.A., formerly scholar of Balliol College, Oxford, and late editor of the Gentleman's Magazine. London: William Reeves, 185 Fleet Street; T. Fisher Unwin, 17 Holburn Viaduct; and Simpkins, Marshall & Co. 1882. 8vo. vol. i January to June, 1882. Pp. 340. Published monthly. Annual subscription, 12s post free.

Official Letters of Alexander Spotswood, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Virginia, 1710-1722. Now first printed from the Manuscript in the Collection of the Virginia Historical Society. With an Introduction and Notes. By R. A. Brock, corresponding secretary and librarian of the Society. Vol. I. Richmond, Va.: Published by the Society. 1882. 8vo. pp. 179.

Andover Theological Seminary Necrology. 1881-82. Prepared under the direction of the Committee, by Henry A. Hazen, secretary. No. 2. Boston: Beacon Press, Thomas Todd, Printer, No. 1 Somerset Street. 1882. 8vo. pp. 24.

Damon Memorial, or notices of Three Damon Families who came from Old England to New England in the XVIIth Century. By Samuel Cheney Damon. Honolulu, H. I.: 1882. 12mo. pp. 148.

Shakspeare's New Map in Twelfth Night, by C. H. Coote, British Museum. London, 1878. 8vo. pp. 14, and illustrative map.

Tithingmen. By Herbert B. Adams. 8vo. pp. 23.

The Romance of History in "The Black County," and the Romance of War in the Career of General Robert Smalls, "The Hero of the Planter." By Charles Cowley. Lowell, Mass. 1882. 8vo. pp. 12.

The Eddy Family. Reunion at Providence to celebrate The Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Landing of John and Samuel Eddy at Plymouth, Oct. 29, 1630. Boston, Mass. 1881. 8vo. pp. 265.

**Materials toward the Genealogy of the Emmerton Family.** Compiled by James A. Emmerton, M.D. Privately printed. Salem Press. 1881. 8vo. pp. 244.

**Paine Family Records.** Edited by Henry D. Paine, M.D., 26 West 30th St., New York City. Published quarterly at \$1 a year.

**Events in the History of New York City, with Illustrations from Shakespeare,** by [John B. Moreau] a New Yorker. No Pagination. Two vols. 12mo. 1880, 1881.

**The Williams Family, tracing the Descendants of Ezekiel Williams of Roxbury, Mass.** Compiled by Thomas W. Seward, Utica, N. Y. Boston: Printed for private distribution. 1882. 8vo. pp. 17.

**Bartholomew and Richard Cheever and some of their Descendants.** By John T. Hassam, A.M. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1882. 8vo. pp. 11.

**Wentworths at Bermuda.** By the Hon. John Wentworth, LL.D., of Chicago, Ill. Boston, 1882. 8vo. pp. 4.

**The Family of Puffer of Massachusetts.** By W. S. Appleton. Boston: David Clapp & Son. 1882. 8vo. pp. 9.

**The Sabin Family of America. The four earliest Generations.** By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., Weymouth, Mass. 1882. 8vo. pp. 7+4. Price 25 cents. To be had of the author, South Weymouth, Mass.

**American Library Association. Cincinnati Meeting, May 24-27, 1882. Report on the progress of Library Architecture.** By William F. Poole, Librarian of the Chicago Public Library, and Resolutions of the Association concerning the building for the library of Congress. Boston, Secretary's Office, 37 Hawley St. 1882. 8vo. pp. 16.

**Giornale Araldico-Generale-Diplomatico pubblicato per cura della R. Accademia Araldica Italiana Diretto Dal Comm. G. B. Cav. Di Crollalanza. Anno IX. Maggio, 1882. Num. 11. Nuova Serie. Anno VII. N. 11. Pisa, 1882. Presso La Direzione del Giornale Via Fibonacci N. 6.**

## II. *Other Publications.*

**Restos de Colon. Informe Presentado a la Sociedad Literaria "Amigos del Pais" relativo a los últimos opusculos escritos en el extranjero, acerca del hallazgo de 10 de Septiembre de 1877. Santo Domingo, Imprenta de García Hermanos, 1882. 8vo. pp. 40.**

**Proceedings of the Wyoming Historical and Genealogical Society, for the year ending February 11, 1882. Publication No. 3. Wilkesbarre, Pa.: Printed for the Society. 1882. 8vo. pp. 68.**

**Transactions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for the year 1881. Part II. Boston: Printed for the Society. 1882. 8vo. pp. 381.**

**Memoir of John Plumer Healy, LL.D., late City Solicitor and Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston.** Prepared by Godfrey Morse, LL.B. Printed by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, No. 39 Arch Street. 1882. 8vo. pp. 24.

**General Catalogue of the Officers and Graduates of Colby University, Waterville, Maine. 1820-1882. Waterville, Me.: Published for the Alumni, June, 1882. 8vo. pp. 72.**

**Reverend Calvin Lincoln. Sermon preached in the Old Meeting-House, Hingham, Sunday, Sept. 18, 1881. By Rev. Rufus P. Stebbins, D.D.; also services at the funeral and sketch by a parishioner. Hingham: Published by the parish. 1881. 8vo. pp. 66.**

**Transactions of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec. Sessions of 1881-82. Quebec: Printed at the "Morning Chronicle" Office. 1882. 8vo. pp. 173.**

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*Memorial Biographies of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Towne Memorial Fund. Vol. II. 1853-1855. Boston: Published by the Society, 18 Somerset Street. 1881. 8vo. pp. 533. Price \$2.25; by mail \$2.50.*

This is the second volume of the series of memoirs of deceased members of the Society projected by the late William B. Towne. The publication of these volumes, one of which is to appear yearly, is secured by a fund established for the purpose. The foundation of the fund was contributed during his lifetime by Mr. Towne, and for several years after his death was allowed to accumulate by adding the income to the principal. The income of the fund, together with what may be derived from the sale of volumes to members of the Society and others, will undoubtedly enable it henceforth to issue a volume annually without interruption. We see no reason why this series shall not continue until its volumes shall be numbered by the hundred. Indeed it is intended that the publication shall go on as long as the Society exists.

It is obvious to see that this collection of biographies will be of unsurpassed value and importance. The Society numbers about a thousand members. They are largely confined to New England, but many beyond this limit take an interest in New England local and family history, and members may in fact be found in nearly every part of the world. They are composed of the foremost and best of our citizens. They

are selected because they are interested in the development and preservation of our history. Some of them are writers of history, some of them are students of history, while many of them are absorbed in other occupations, but are nevertheless important factors in the process of making history in their several departments of life. They belong not to one, but to all classes. Among them may be found clergymen, educators, scientists, judges, lawyers, scholars, statesmen, bankers, merchants, farmers and mechanics. Selected as they are, they are good representatives, and often models in the several professions and callings which they represent.

To secure the best results in the preparation of these memoirs, the Society places the whole responsibility in the hands of an able and critical committee, who are not only themselves qualified to write the memoirs, but from their wide acquaintance with scholars and literary men, are able to select writers who possess special qualifications for this important service. This is not altogether an easy task. The readiness to undertake the work, and the qualifications to do it well, do not always go together. To write a memoir well, whether the subject be eminently distinguished or not, requires an unusual combination of qualities. There must be skill, perseverance and aptitude, if not a quasi genius, in collecting the necessary and fit material, a nice judgment in combining the parts into a complete, harmonious and logical whole, a command and mastery of the English language, which shall give simplicity, clearness and grace to every part. But a crowning qualification is a conscientiousness in the writer which shall enable him to transmit to posterity a picture of the life and character of his subject in its natural fullness and true proportions. Exaggeration, overstatement, or an exuberance of detail on the one hand, or a meagreness, sterility, scantiness of fact, anecdote and illustration on the other, may be equally regarded as grave defects. But the responsibility of the committee extends beyond this. They are to scrutinize the historical statements of the several writers, and see that the errors into which all authors are liable to fall are duly corrected. This is not the least responsible duty that rests upon them. It is this scrutiny, faithfully and conscientiously performed, that will give to these memoirs their superior value in all future time. The writers are unpaid, their efforts are inspired simply by their interest in history, and consequently they have little motive for haste and superficiality. The reward which they receive will only come in the public estimate and real excellence of their work.

Whoever reads the memoirs in the volume before us will, we think, find them for the most part, conforming to the exalted standard which we have pointed out as that which the committee are aiming to maintain.

The present volume contains the memoirs of forty-five gentlemen, all of high standing, many of them distinguished, and some of them without peers in the positions which they occupied. We have not space to speak of all of them individually, nor of any of them in detail. We must content ourselves by mentioning the names of a few, not merely because we think they are the most distinguished, but because we think them better known to the readers of this magazine. We find among the rest Simon Greenleaf, LL.D., Professor in the Law School in Harvard University, Samuel Sumner Wilde, LL.D., of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, John Davis, LL.D., a United States Senator and governor of Massachusetts, William Cranch, LL.D., Chief-Justice of the United States Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, Samuel Church, LL.D., Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, Thomas Day, LL.D., of the same state, Charles K. Williams, LL.D., Chief-Justice and Governor of Vermont, Harrison Gray Otis Colby, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Massachusetts, James Cushing Merrill, a fine classical scholar and a magistrate of Boston, Caleb Butler, Alfred Hawkins, Jacob B. Moore, Nathaniel Goodwin, Nahum Mitchell, severally authors of valuable historical works, Charles Ewer, a studious antiquary and the first president of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Abbott Lawrence, LL.D., United States Minister at the Court of St. James, Robert G. Shaw and Samuel Appleton, eminent merchants of Boston, Dr. George Cheyne Shattuck, LL.D., of Boston, and Dr. Stephen W. Williams of Deerfield, Mass., an author and lecturer at the Berkshire Medical Institution, at Dartmouth College and other medical schools.

The eminence which these gentlemen attained was achieved, in all cases, by their personal exertions. Neither inheritance, nor what is technically called influence, aided them in gaining their merited distinction. To unusual natural endowments they added that steadfastness of purpose which Sir Isaac Newton says is next to genius. They were honest, conscientious, persistent workers, whose noble and generous ambition was simply to do their best. The career of such men is

prolific in instructive incident, and rich in lofty example. Their memoirs naturally constitute a storehouse of principles, maxims and apothegms for safely and successfully moulding and shaping the conduct of life. The volume before us is, we presume, a fair example of those that are to follow. They can never have the brevity and sterility of the biographical dictionary, or the cumbersome diffuseness and tedious overgrowth of the plethoric biography. They must always contain plain, clear and simple statements of facts, grouping together the leading and important characteristics with sufficient fulness and illustration to be easily comprehended, and at the same time to impart readily their lessons of instruction to the reader. We would therefore say, especially to the members of the society as well as to others, that in our judgment this is unmatched in the most important qualities by any other series of American biographies, and for the eminent examples which it presents in all the departments of life, it is entitled to hold the most prominent place among secular books in the library of every New England family.

The paper, letter-press and mechanical work of the volume are eminently satisfactory. The name of John Wilson and Son, of the University Press, Cambridge, is in general a sufficient guaranty of whatever comes from their hand, and in this case their reputation is fully sustained.

*By the Rev Edmund F. Slafter, A. M., of Boston, Mass.*

*Monthly Reference Lists. Issued by the Providence Public Library, Providence, Rhode Island. Vols. I. and II. From January, 1881, to December, 1882. [Edited by William E. Foster, A. B., Brown University.] Post 4to.*

The completion of the second volume of these useful Reference Lists on topics of historical and current interest, affords a good opportunity for reviewing Mr. Foster's work. A graduate of Brown University, he early turned his attention to the practical details of a librarian's office in a Massachusetts town, whence he was called by sharp-sighted men, who saw the advantage of his methods, to the Public Library in Providence, to mediate between the intellectual wants of a highly cultivated city and the literary supply which libraries and book markets afford. The trustees of the Providence Public Library, some of whom are the owners of superb private libraries, appear to have appreciated the idea that the collection and distribution of literature, in a wide sense, requires talent on the part of the librarian, the very best talent that school, college and practical experience can afford. They seem to have recognized the fact that a public library is the *highest school* in the community, that it requires the highest education and the highest art available; for the public library reaches not merely school children, but pupils of a larger growth; it holds in its hand the highest education of the town or city. Ignorance, incompetence, feebleness, sluggishness, incapacity for success in any other profession, are no qualifications for the modern librarian, who is or should be one of the quickest, readiest, brightest, most alive of all live men in the community, for he is the one who can supply and develop its highest intellectual wants by proper methods of mediation between literature and life.

It is perhaps highly significant that a college town like Providence, whence Dr. Barnas Sears, a former president of Brown University, went forth to propagate a common school system throughout the entire South, under the direction of the Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund, of which Dr. Sears was the pioneer agent, should have also given birth to one of the most efficient systems of library management, which, if there is any virtue in good ideas, is bound to widen its influence. The efficiency of the Providence Public Library in supplying intellectual wants is indicated by the published Reference Lists, the genesis of which cannot be separated from Brown University, the common school system, and the general culture of a liberally minded city. Mr. Foster, although he came to Providence with a thorough knowledge of that admirable system of classifying library materials for ready reference on the part of readers—a system evolved from the experience of the Boston Public Library under the management of Justin Winsor—found it necessary to meet in peculiar ways the needs of teachers and students who desired to read very specially in connection with courses of lectures given by President Robinson, Professor Lincoln and others, including the late Professor Diman, whose catholic scholarship, admired in Baltimore and Cambridge, was also deeply appreciated at home. The cordial coöperation of such men with Mr. Foster's methods, the encouragement of trustees intimately associated with University professors, the wants and appreciation of an intelligent public, explain the development in Providence of that elaborate system of reference lists, newspaper clippings, notices and reviews of new books,—



all conveniently posted or classified, so that by means of these guides the reader can find his way with confidence and delight through the intricate mazes of modern literature. From manuscript reference-lists it was but a step to hectograph copies distributed for use in the public schools. Then came the publication of bibliographies in the Providence newspapers, which carried the suggestion of systematic courses of reading into every household in the city. These things are all very simple and inexpensive; but they represent *ideas*, which are of vastly more influence upon a living and progressive age than mere collections of books, however extensive, or mere library buildings of brick and stone, which are sometimes mausoleums instead of laboratories of knowledge.

Through the aid of appreciative friends of the Providence idea, Mr. Foster began in January, 1881, to publish his Monthly Reference Lists in serial form upon a folded sheet, the two leaves of which, with double columns, are of about the same size as the pages of the *Magazine of American History*. The transition to this special form of publication was made through such organs as the *Library Journal*, which allows some space to bibliographical matter. But the Providence idea of special adaptation to special needs has now assumed individual and concrete form. Evolving from the Providence environment, this idea has seized upon topics of current interest in that city; it has grown upon what it has fed; until now, in the shape of two published volumes, with tables of contents, indices, and an explanatory preface, it represents a bibliographical magazine which no American library or special student of contemporary American life can well do without. It is curious and interesting to one who turns the leaves of these two little volumes, to see with what unerring instinct the Providence librarian, from month to month, has grasped topics uppermost in the American current of ideas or popular discussion. A few examples will suffice to recall the drift of thought in many a home and literary circle during the past two years: George Eliot, Thomas Carlyle, Lord Beaconsfield, Revision of the Bible, Sophocles ("the Greek Play" at Harvard), Comets, the French in Tunis, Dean Stanley, Centenary of Kant, Protection, Yorktown, Olympia, French Allies, Inter-Oceanic Canal, Æstheticism, Longfellow, Chinese Question, South Eastern Europe, Darwin, Emerson, University Education, Local Self-Government, Herbert Spencer, etc.

It takes a librarian who is alive to present issues, to the swiftly moving and cosmopolitan thought of the present age, to catch such current topics, and to gather about them the floating literature of our times for the convenient use of his fellow men. Such talent is as rare as it is invaluable. A good librarian is an organizer of literary materials, and his influence is far from being local, if he publishes, as Mr. Foster has done, the results of his local experience. It is curious to observe how the supply of Providence-wants has met also the needs of a national circle of readers; for the Reference Lists are now widely patronized throughout this country, especially by students, teachers and librarians. It is also curious to note, in this current of popular bibliography, the "survival" of Lists which, although of sufficient scope to interest students outside of Providence, are clearly the original product of local occasions, lecture courses and the like, which, at one time or another, have particularly interested the schools and people of Providence.

The most noticeable and perhaps the most valuable feature of Mr. Foster's Reference Lists is the topical subdivision of the main subject. For a student or teacher, the "structural bibliography" is much more valuable and suggestive than a long list of authorities, which, in some cases, would be hardly better than a catalogue. For example, the subject of American "Local Self-Government" is much better treated under the subdivisions of "Origin," "Tendencies," "New England Towns," "Middle Colonies," "Southern Colonies," than under the main head alone, for the structural method presents the subject from different points of view and yet as an organic whole. This structural method stands in the same relation to the generic subject of study as that subject does to study in general. A catalogue of mere names or a long bibliography of authorities is often very discouraging to readers, but when attention is called to a *particular* subject, to a *special* point of view, and to an *individual* author, then a point has been made for the encouragement of readers and of original research. The most important function which any catalogue, bibliography, reference-list or consulting librarian can discharge, is to arrest attention, to make mental points. Mr. Foster distinctly says in his preface that his Reference Lists "are intended as *working-lists* and not as bibliographies." He does not aim at being exhaustive, or exhausting, but at being suggestive. Mr. Foster has well said in the *Library Journal* (vii. 86), the bibliography "aims at completeness for the sake of completeness;" but the working-list "is as complete

as it serves its purpose to be." The purpose of Mr. Foster is manifestly that of a practical librarian, desiring to aid a reading public, and not that of a scientific specialist, a mere antiquarian or bibliomaniac, desiring to collect or amass *all* existing authorities for the sake of having them at his command.

Scientific *point* in the description of books, monographs, magazine articles is of more consequence to most readers than bibliographic enumeration or catalogue completeness. A reader does not want *all* books; he wants the *best*, and more especially *one or two* at a time, with special reference to particular things that may be found within them. A skilful librarian and a well-guided reader will not find it necessary to read many books through, from beginning to end, in order to get their point or drift. Most books should be used like cyclopædias, for finding special things, not for learning all knowledge at once. A good book should have an index of topics. A good librarian, like Mr. Foster and many others in this country, will show the reader a subject-catalogue, a ready-reference-list, a definite way of finding out special things through some particular book. A poor librarian will be more likely to show his library *en masse* or in glass cases, saying "hands off;" if the visitor wants to learn something in particular, he is invited to examine a confusing catalogue of authors' names and see if he can chance upon any book that will help him. The good librarian knows what his books are good for; he has *point*. The poor librarian is careless, ignorant and dull. A good method of ready reference is like a bright, sharp needle in a skilful hand, deftly working some fine or useful end; a poor method is like hunting a needle in a haystack.

By Herbert B. Adams, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

*Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education. No. 1—1881. The Construction of Library Buildings.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1881. 8vo. pp. 24.

*Report on the Progress of Library Architecture.* By WILLIAM F. POOLE, Librarian of the Chicago Public Library. Boston. 1882. pp. 16.

These two pamphlets, written by William F. Poole, the eminent bibliographer and librarian, ought to attract the attention of all those interested in educational and library matters. They discuss a very important subject; one that is destined to receive great attention in the immediate future, *viz.*, the proper construction of our library buildings. The present style of "conventional American library building" is open to very grave objections. It is the purpose of Mr. Poole to point out these evils and suggest the proper remedies. This he has effectually done on two or three occasions when the librarians of the country have been in session; and so important have been these suggestions concerning library architecture that the Department of the Interior has ordered the first of his papers, "The Construction of Library Buildings," to be issued as a "Circular of Information," and spread broadcast over the land. The agitation of this subject is rendered the more important at this time because of the fact that two of our largest libraries, the Boston Public Library and the Library of Congress at Washington, are about to erect new buildings to meet existing wants.

The principal feature in our present form of library building to which Mr. Poole objects, and the evils of which he so clearly shows, is the "great hall." These several objections are a "large wastefulness of space;" "expense of heating this solid block of vacuity;" "the shelving of books in galleries where the alcoves are piled one upon another—because galleries are a wasteful expenditure of the physical strength of attendants in climbing stairs, and of the time of readers in waiting for their books; and because the bindings of books in galleries perish from heat, and the higher the books are above the floor the more active is this destructive agency;" "the difficulty of getting about from one part of the library to another;" "when used for a reading room, "too public and bustling a place for quiet study;" "insecurity from fire;" "the difficulty of enlarging," and "its great cost compared with a simpler, less pretentious and more convenient style." All of these points are elaborated at considerable length in a clear, forcible and convincing manner.

He then defines his plan for a properly constructed library building, showing that on a lot of 200 feet square 1,000,000 volumes may be accommodated, and, by enlarging without change of construction, 3,000,000 volumes. Compartments so constructed that a fire shall be confined to the one in which it originates; waste of room reduced to a minimum; more spacious and convenient quarters than in the present style for the administrative and working departments; no climbing of stairs and no overheating of buildings in galleries, books being shelved near the floor;

cost of construction kept within reasonable limits, and that "convenience, utility and economy shall be the controlling principles in the design." These points, also, are fully elaborated and explained.

This paper has attracted much attention and called forth discussion among librarians, and it is hoped the day of fruition is near.

The second paper is a report of the progress of these new ideas regarding library architecture, and takes a hopeful view of its general adoption in due time. It closes as follows: "Public attention has been awakened to this subject. Librarians are losing respect for antique absurdities, and are not afraid to think for themselves. Committees ask not whether the plan is old and typical, but whether it is convenient, useful, economical and sensible. Architects are now seeking information from those to whom they formerly dictated conventional rules. Whatever improvements are to be made in library construction must come from the experience and suggestions of our own profession. The future is full of promise, and doubtless before the next meeting of the Association we shall see the proof that our faith in progress is not groundless."

By E. H. Goss, Esq., of Melrose, Mass.

*American Hero-Myths. A Study in the Native Religions of the Western Continent.*

By DANIEL G. BRINTON, M.D., Member of the American Philosophical Society, etc. etc. Philadelphia: H. C. Watts & Co. 1882. Pp. 251, 8vo. Price \$1.75. For sale by A. Williams & Co., Boston.

This is one of five volumes by the same author, which with the exception of that devoted to the Maya Chronicles—the original text of the Pre-Columbian annals of Yucatan—deal with the myths and the religion of the native (red) race of America. We should also except one other work, probably, which covers a larger ground than the religious myths of this continent, being a discussion of the "Science and Philosophy of Religion," or "The Religious Sentiment." All of these works show that the author is a zealous and critical investigator of the subjects which he undertakes to elucidate. And this remark is emphatically true of the volume before us. It is, we believe, the first attempt at what is entitled to be regarded as a critically accurate presentation of the "fundamental conceptions found in the native beliefs of the tribes of America."

The time has long since passed, as the author very sensibly remarks, when among thinking men the religious myths of the aboriginal races were looked upon as trivial fables; for they express "in image and incident, the opinions of those races in the mightiest topics of human thought, on the origin and destiny of man, his motives for duty and his grounds of hope, and the source, history and fate of all external nature." In order therefore to grasp the full meaning of these fundamental religious conceptions, it is not sufficient merely to trace a myth back to the natural phenomena of which it was originally a poetic expression. It is necessary that we should thoroughly consider its essentially religious import, so that we may see how and to what extent it exerted an influence upon the individual mind and the national character.

This is the object and purport of this volume. In this view it is a very valuable contribution to the study of a subject as interesting as it is important. It is certainly important; for we cannot expect to arrive at an accurate and adequate knowledge of any people until we have comprehended the chief influence which moulded their character and institutions.

By Albert H. Hoyt, A. M., of Boston.

*Detailed Minutiae of Soldier Life in the Army of Northern Virginia.* By CARLTON MCCARTHY, Private Second Company Richmond Howitzers, A.N.V. With Illustrations by WM L. SHEPPARD, Lieutenant Second Company Richmond Howitzers, A.N.V. Richmond: Carlton McCarthy and Company. 1882. 12mo. Price \$1 50.

This narrative of four years' experience of soldier life in the Confederate army in Northern Virginia is a valuable contribution to the literature of our late civil war. It is "a voice from the ranks" of that army and details with minuteness the hopes, the trials and the privations of a private soldier. "At one time," says the Richmond *Christian Advocate*, "its sharp sarcasms and biting satire cut like a razor; at another, it rings with merriment and is as full of innocent mirth and healthful enjoyment as Stuart's hilarious laughter; yet, again, in sober tones it tells us of the march, the bivouac, the battle; then sinking in tremulous pathos, it speaks of home and loved ones, and comrades dead on the well fought field."

The same paper says truly of this work: "It fills a niche that has not been made prominent in our war-literature; and it fills it marvellously well." The minutiae of soldier life which the author so faithfully records seldom enter into narratives which find their way into print; and for this reason these details will be highly prized by the reader who wishes to learn the true character of service in the ranks.

Mr. McCarthy's work bears evidence of candor and truthfulness. It will be read with interest, not only by his companions in arms, but also by the union soldiers against whom he fought, and in fact by all who are interested in our country's history. The events in which the author participated near the close of the war, are related with particular fullness, and the scenes here, as elsewhere, are picturesquely and vividly described. The sad condition of the soldiers after the surrender of Gen. Lee was borne by them manfully, and the author tells his experience with the utmost good humor. We commend the book to all our readers.

*A Gazetteer of the State of Maine; with Numerous Illustrations.* By GEO. J. VARNER. Boston: Published by B. B. Russell, 57 Cornhill. 1882. 8vo. pp. 611.

This Gazetteer supplies a want much felt. It is prepared in a very satisfactory manner, every town, village, plantation, mountain, lake, bay and river having had due attention paid to it. We are pleased to notice that the former names of towns are found in their alphabetical places as well as the present. It would perhaps have been an improvement if a different type had been used for obsolete names. The author seems to have bestowed great pains and used good judgment in preparing the work. He has collected, selected and arranged, so that we can readily refer to them, such facts as one would naturally expect to find in a gazetteer; and he has clothed them in clear and terse language.

A preliminary chapter of over fifty pages is devoted to the history and statistics of the state.

*Celebrated American Caverns, especially Mammoth, Wyandot and Luray. Together with Historical, Scientific and Descriptive Notices of Caves and Grottoes in other Lands.* By HORACE C. HOVEY. With Maps and Illustrations. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1882. 8vo. pp. xii.+228. Price \$2.

It is sometimes a relief, and certainly a novelty, to turn from the never-ending and frequently wearying accounts of what is on the earth to the rare and strange descriptions of what is in it. Works on subterranean history are not so numerous as to deaden one's interest in a new addition to the list; and when that addition appears in the beautiful form of the book under notice, this interest deepens into a pleasure and delight.

The author, Mr. Horace C. Hovey, is no new explorer in this curious, and I may add, literal mine of history, having been a contributor of cavern literature to the *American Journal of Science and Arts*, *Scribner's* (now the *Century*) *Magazine* and other periodicals. But those were gatherings by the wayside. Here he has garnered up his curious experiences, bound them together in attractive garb, and the result is one of the most interesting descriptive works given to the public for many years.

Mr. Hovey devotes seven chapters and seventy pages to the description of the celebrated Mammoth Cave near Lexington, Kentucky, justly considered the greatest wonder of the subterranean world. His style is vigorous and graphic, with just enough of picturesqueness to charm and entertain the general reader. He does not seem to exaggerate, a temptation which must frequently beset writers who deal with such strange and unfamiliar topics. Nor is he forgetful, while dwelling at such length upon the Mammoth Cave, of the other wonders which exist in the "bowels of the earth" in various parts of the country. The book is printed in large, clear type, and the illustrations are numerous, varied and generally well executed. It is altogether and in every way a book to be confidently commended to the attention of the reading public.

By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.

*Jewish Nature Worship. The Worship of the Reciprocal Principles of Nature among the Ancient Hebrews.* By J. P. MACLEAN. Limited Edition. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1882. 18mo. pp. 22. Price 25 cts.

This pamphlet treats of the worship of Nature among the Jews, and compares it with that in other religions. The subject is ably handled.

*Biographical Sketch of Joseph Lemuel Chester, D. C. L., LL. D.* By JOHN J. LATTING, Member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. New York: Privately Printed. 1882. 8vo. pp. 10.

*New York Genealogical and Biographical Record. Devoted to the Interests of American Genealogy and Biography.* Issued Quarterly. Vol. XIII. 1882. Published for the Society, 64 Madison Avenue, New York City. 8vo. pp. 211. Price \$2 a year.

*The Genealogist.* Edited by GEORGE W. MARSHALL, LL. D., Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. Vol. VI. London: George Bell and Sons. York Street, Covent Garden. 1882. 8vo. pp. vii.+343. Price 10 shillings a year.

The best memoir of the late Col. Chester which has yet appeared is that by Mr. Latting, whose title is given above. It is embellished with a life-like steel portrait, and is reprinted from the *Genealogical and Biographical Record* for October, 1882. A good memoir by Dr. Marshall was also published in the *Genealogist* for July, 1882. Several sketches of his life appeared while he was living. The first was printed in 1866, in the supplement to Duyckinck's "Cyclopædia of American Literature." Large extracts from this were made in a memoir in the *Biograph and Review* for May, 1881. *Colburn's New Monthly Magazine* for June, 1881, also contains a memoir. Since his death the memoirs of Mr. Latting and Dr. Marshall and a number of newspaper obituaries have appeared. Among the latter are those in the *Boston Evening Transcript*, June 1, 1882, the *London Academy*, June 3, 1882, and the *London Athenæum* of the same date.

Mr. Latting's memoir contains much new matter concerning the life of Col. Chester obtained from his relatives, and from friends who knew him before he went to England. It also gives a good account of the literary and antiquarian labors of one of the most conscientious and successful investigators that has ever lived.

The *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* and the *Genealogist*, whose titles are also at the head of this article, have completed the volumes for the year 1882. Like the previous volumes of both works noticed in the REGISTER, they furnish their readers with valuable genealogical and antiquarian matter relating to England and America.

*Gov. Bradford's Manuscript History of Plymouth Plantation and its Transmission to our Times.* By JUSTIN WINSOR, Corresponding Secretary Massachusetts Historical Society. Private Edition, Seventy-Five Copies. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1881. 8vo. pp. 18.

In the review of this pamphlet in the April number, I omitted to notice Mr. Winsor's reference to the claim that Mr. Barry derived from Mr. Samuel G. Drake the idea that the "MS. History of the Plantation at Plymouth," quoted by Bishop Wilberforce, was Bradford's lost work. As I myself many years ago expressed an opinion that Mr. Drake was the first person to show that the quotations were from Bradford's history, I will briefly give my reasons for doing so. I had been informed on authority which I could not doubt, that Mr. Barry called with the book on Mr. Drake, showed him the quotations and asked him what he thought of them. Mr. Drake promptly replied that certain portions, which he pointed out, were the exact words of Bradford as preserved by Morton or Prince, and that other parts were new matter; and he at once said that the manuscript must be either Bradford's history or a work containing quotations from it. Mr. Barry could not be made to say whether he thought Mr. Drake's conjecture a plausible one. All he would say was that there was something new there. This information I had from Messrs. Frederic Kidder and James S. Loring, both now living, who were present on the occasion; and also from Mr. Drake himself. I afterwards stated these facts in a communication signed "Iora," in the *Boston Evening Transcript*, July 17, 1856, which article was reprinted in the REGISTER, vol. x. page 354. Mr. Loring read the article at the time, and assured me that my statements were correct. Mr. Kidder, who in 1856 resided in New York, not long after confirmed my statements, as he has since done. The readiness with which Mr. Drake detected that the quotations were from Bradford, shows his familiarity with early New England writers and his critical sagacity; but his acquaintances need no evidence of this.

I called at Mr. Drake's soon after the occurrence, and Mr. Frederic Kidder, who was there, asked me if I knew that it had been discovered where Bradford's manuscript was. Mr. Drake checked him and said that they were not sure. Well, Mr.

Kidder replied, we are almost sure, to which Mr. Drake assented. I was then told about Mr. Barry's bringing the book to Mr. Drake and the opinion given him.

I omitted in my former notice to give the authority on which I there stated that the book was marked as represented in the fac-simile when Mr. Barry borrowed it. Before Mr. Thornton's death he placed the book itself in the custody of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and when he put it into my hands he assured me that all the marks on the pages relating to the Fullham manuscript were made by him before he loaned the book to Mr. Barry.

*Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Register of the Commandery of the State of Massachusetts. Constitution and By-Laws.* Boston: Press of Rockwell and Churchill, No. 39 Arch Street. 1882. Royal 8vo. pp. 172+47.

This beautiful volume of more than two hundred pages royal octavo, with ample margin, is a valuable record of the services of New England officers who served in the War of the Rebellion, and the Commandery is indebted to its recorder, Col. Arnold A. Rand, of the 4th Mass. Cavalry, U. S. V., for the inception of this record, the care with which it has been written out, and the taste with which the volume has been published.

This register, which has been printed for the use of the companies of the Commandery and is furnished to them at a nominal price, is not for general sale, but is an exceedingly valuable document, particularly for future historians and genealogical inquirers, as it contains up to date the military record and successive promotions of 530 members, mostly from Massachusetts, who served in the civil war, and who have become companions of this Commandery. In addition it contains the Constitution and By-Laws of the order, which is similar in its character to the "Cincinnati." That hereditary society was formed at the close of our revolutionary war to preserve and keep alive the memory of the patriotism that resulted in the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the Republic of the United States. The Society of the Loyal Legion, kindred in its nature, is designed to perpetuate through their descendants the memory and services of those who fought to preserve the union which their fathers had conquered. \*

*The History of Wookstock, Me. With Family Sketches and an Appendix.* By WILLIAM B. LAFHAM. Portland: Stephen Berry, Printer. 1892. 8vo. pp. 315.

This book shows the careful and patient work of one who unites the loving instinct of the true historian with the clear judgment of the practical journalist, and is valuable alike for its collection of the principal facts, data and events in the brief annals of the town, as well as the entertaining style in which it is written. A brief but comprehensive description of the natural scenery, mountains, streams, lakes; the formation of its rocks and soils; the Flora and Fauna of the region, is followed by the story of earliest explorers, fishers and hunters, and then the first settlers. The first settlement was made in the western part of the town in 1798 by Christopher and Solomon, sons of Solomon Bryant, of Paris. The territory belonged as yet to Massachusetts, but had never been surveyed and lotted out. These enterprising pioneers employed a surveyor to lay out ten lots of one hundred acres each, two of which lots they appropriated, and were followed soon by others to whom they granted other lots. While this was going on the State granted the same territory to Dummer Academy, and the trustees of that institution, in October, 1800, sold the grant to Michael Little, of Poland, Me., for \$6,240. This proprietor being under conditions to settle the township within a certain time, never interfered with the settlers' appropriated 1000 acres embraced in his grant. Soon after the western part was thus settled, the eastern part was granted to Gorham Academy, but previous to this grant, also, a settlement had been made by two brothers by the name of Abraham and Jonathan Walton, on a section of land surveyed by John K. Smith, and these pioneers were not disturbed, and still hold their titles as under the survey of Smith. The two sections were soon combined under the title of "Plantation No. 3," and gradually filled with settlers. The author is able to introduce each settler by name as he comes to the town, and gives many interesting details and reminiscences which twenty-five years hence it would have been impossible to gather. In 1812 there were forty-two families. In February, 1815, the Plantation was incorporated as the town of Woodstock. A full account of "Hamlin's Gore" is given, with a detailed census of its inhabitants in 1870, and its annexation to Woodstock in 1873. The statistics of the religious societies and names of ministers and members, and the various fortunes of different sects, are succinctly given. The

Baptists first, 1802, followed by the Methodists about 1814, and the Universalists in 1843. An account of the "Millerite" delusion and its pitiful effects follows, then the history of the temperance movement, schools, masonic and military bodies, post-offices, hotels, the several villages and their "nicknames," manufactories, lawyers, physicians, traders, &c. It will be noticed that the author puts "politics" just before "mills," which may or may not evidence his attitude in the matter of "civil service reform." A number of entertaining stories and incidents are here related, and then come biographical sketches and family notices. In the Appendix is given "Extracts from the Diary of Stephen Chase, 1801-1806," and also a complete census of the town for 1870. The many excellent pictures of the town's prominent sons are a pleasant feature of the work, and among these many will recognize with pleasure the genial faces of the author himself, ex-Gov. Sidney Perham, R. K. Dunham, Esq., Hon. Charles P. Kimball and others. The writer of this notice has been more particularly interested in the history since finding among these faces two valued friends and college "chums," two really self-made men, Professor Charles O. and Rev. Harrison S. Whitman. Every part of the work is neatly executed, and all made accessible by an excellent index of names.

*By the Rev. G. M. Bodge, Dorchester, Mass.*

*History of Billerica, Massachusetts, with a Genealogical Register.* By the Rev. HENRY A. HAZEN, A. M., Member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Boston: A. Williams and Co., Old Corner Book-Store. 1883. 8vo. pp. 319+168. Price \$3.

Family Genealogies and Town Histories are among the later products of the New England mind. In the early childhood of many who are still active upon the stage, this class of works was almost unknown. Within the last thirty or forty years they have been greatly multiplied. And certainly that man deserves well of his fellowmen who makes an exact record of the members of his family, from his earliest American ancestor down to the latest-born generation; or who traces carefully the history of some New England town through the changes of its existence. Books of this character will not be so exciting to the young people as the last new novel, but they will continue to live and to have an increasing interest and value long after most of the novels weekly issuing from the press shall be utterly forgotten. That which makes up the peculiar glory of our New England history, as a whole, is found in the history of the individual towns. An old New England township, with its two chief historical currents, the civil and the religious, running parallel, is a very unique institution, and hardly any one of our towns is so inconsiderable as not to furnish the materials for an interesting and instructive record.

The History of Billerica, by the Rev. Henry A. Hazen, with over three hundred pages of general narrative, and with its nearly two hundred pages embodying the genealogy of all families belonging to the town before the year 1800, five hundred and twenty pages in all, with copious references to those arriving after that date, will be found a very valuable addition to this branch of our literature. The author is well known for his pains-taking exactness, and this volume is the fruit of an immense labor.

One short chapter from the pen of the Rev. Edward G. Porter, of Lexington, gives us some pleasing glimpses of the ancient Billerica in Essex County, England, from which our American Billerica derived its name. The territory which the town covers was anciently given to Cambridge to prevent a second colony from removing from that town to Hartford, whither Mr. Hooker had already led his church. A map of Cambridge, when it included in its southern extension the present city of Newton, and what was recently the town of Brighton, and reaching in its northern stretch up to the present city of Lowell, has been likened to a bird of small body, furnished with two unequal but gigantic wings.

The town of Billerica was incorporated in 1655. It will be impossible for us to make even the slightest attempt to trace this history through its several steps. But it may be said with perfect safety that few town histories have ever been written with more care and laborious research than this.

The volume is also made attractive by many excellent pictures, chiefly of public buildings and private residences. The head of Gov. Thomas Talbot, a resident of the town, who has taken a lively interest in the progress of this work, stands as the frontispiece to the volume.

There are some pages in this book that will give the reader a most impressive idea of the fearful anxieties which the inland dwellers of New England passed through in those fearful years, 1875 and 6, during King Philip's War. This impression will

come not so much from general description as from the measures which the people adopted for their safety.

*By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of Newton, Mass.*

*An Historical Address delivered at the Service Memorial at St. Andrew's Church, Scituate, September 3, A. D. 1882.* By the Minister of the Church (which, in 1811, became St. Andrew's Church, Hanover), the Reverend WILLIAM HENRY BROOKS, S.T.D. Published by Request. Boston: A. Williams & Co., Old Corner Bookstore. 1882. 8vo. pp. 42.

The Rev. Dr. Brooks in this address gives a history of St. Andrew's Church, of which he is rector. The address was delivered on the afternoon of the third of September last on the site of the first church edifice of this parish, which was opened for public worship Oct. 11, 1731, a little over a century and a half ago. The site is in the present town of South Scituate, and is about a mile distant from the present edifice of St. Andrew's Church in Hanover, erected in 1811. An interesting history of the church and its ministers, previous to its removal to Hanover, is here given.

*Historical Sketch of Greene Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, delivered by C. REEMELIN before the Twenty-Third Annual Festival of the Greene Township Harvest Home Association, August 31, 1882.* Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1882. 8vo. pp. 29. Price 25 cts.

Mr. Reemelin is the author of "A Critical Review of American Politics," noticed by us in July last. The sketch before us is intended to be a companion and supplement to the historical address of the Hon. Alexander Long at Greene Township in 1869. Many subjects which have an interest outside of the locality are treated of, such as the efforts by France and England to obtain supremacy in America, the American land systems and the Symmes Purchase. Appended is a list of 395 of the earliest settlers of the township, between 1802 and 1850. Thirty of these settlers are now living, of whom the author is one.

*Giornale degli Eruditi e Curiosi. Corrispondenza litteraria italiana ad esempio dell'Intermédiaire française e del Notes and Queries inglese.* Padova, Alla Direzione del Giornale, Riviera Businello N. 4055. Published weekly. 8vo. pp. 16 each number. Subscription Price 20 lire (\$4) a year.

A new weekly journal with the above title, on the plan of the London *Notes and Queries*, has just been commenced at Padua in Italy. The first number was issued in October last. The numbers before us are filled with interesting matter. We trust that the work will be found as useful among the Italians as the various periodicals of this character issued in different countries have been to their respective peoples. The *New York Nation* of December 7 gives the following list of such journals:

"*Notes and Queries*, 1849-82, the parent of them all; *De Navorscher*, Amsterdam, 1855-82; *L'Intermédiaire des Chercheurs et Curieux*, Paris, 1864-82 (No. 347 is dated October 25); one published at Madrid called, if we remember right, *El Intermediario*; *Educational Notes and Queries* (Salem, Ohio, 1875-81); and finally the long-titled *Miscellaneous, Literary, Scientific, and Historical Notes, Queries, and Answers* (No. 1, July, 1882, Manchester, N. H.)"

*Chicago Historical Society's Collection. Vol. I. History of the English Settlement in Edwards County, Illinois. Founded in 1817 and 1818 by Morris Birkbeck and George Flower.* By GEORGE FLOWER, with Preface and Foot-notes by E. B. WASHBURN. Chicago: Fergus Printing Company, 1882. 8vo. pp. 402.

The citizens of our western states are displaying a zeal in historical publications truly commendable. One of the volumes which leads to this opinion is this account of the early days of the English settlers of ancient Edwards County, in the southeast part of Illinois. It was written by George Flower, one of the chief purchasers of the land, through whose encouragement and zeal those from England came and settled upon it. Mr. Flower came from England in 1817, and in the year following, with Moses Birkbeck, also of England, made the purchase. Mr. Flower returned to England to encourage emigration, while Mr. Birkbeck remained in the colony. Mr. Birkbeck died in 1824, and Mr. Flower lived to advanced years, and in times of leisure penned these memoirs and reminiscences. The manuscript was placed in the keeping of the Chicago Historical Society, and now, through the liberality of L. Z. Leiter, is published. The book contains portraits of Messrs.



Birkbeck and Flower. It also has a good index, without which no historical book should be published; but lacks a map. The residences of these pioneers was at or near the present Albion, in the midst of rich and fertile prairie lands. A country which has its early history so well written out may consider itself as fortunate. The manuscript was edited by the Hon. E. B. Washburne, of Chicago, whose notes lend value to it. This initial volume of the Society's Collection is an excellent one, and we hope it is a prophecy of what may be looked for in the years to come.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., Weymouth, Mass.*

*The Commemoration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the First Church, Charlestown, Mass., November 12, 1882.* Privately printed. 1882.

The exercises commemorating the quarter millenary of the First Church of Charlestown last autumn, consisted of a Sermon by the Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D.D., an Historical Sketch of the Church by James F. Hunnewell, Esq., and addresses by the Rev. Rufus Ellis, D.D., the Hon. Charles Devens, the Rev. Henry M. Dexter, D.D., the Rev. A. S. Freeman, D.D., and the Rev. A. S. Twombly.

The Rev. Dr. McKenzie in his sermon introduced some of the principal incidents in the history of the church, but the historical sketch of Mr. Hunnewell will particularly please the student of local history for the thoroughness of its details on this subject. Mr. Hunnewell has devoted much attention to the history of Charlestown, and especially of this church.

*Record of the Parish List of Deaths, 1785-1819.* By Rev. WILLIAM BENTLEY, pastor of the East Church, Salem. Salem: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1882. 8vo. pp. 176.

This record is a reprint from the Historical Collections of the Essex Institute, which has heretofore printed many other valuable records. It has been copied and edited by Ira J. Patch, of Salem. The Rev. Dr. Bentley is well known to our readers as a very learned man and a painstaking and accurate diarist; and these records, which extend over a third of a century, are much more than mere entries of deaths. One entry will be given as a sample. Under date of Nov. 19, 1803, we find this death recorded: "John Bray, a venerable man. Of gradual infirmity. 80 years old, married at 24 years and had a married life of 28 years. His wife, a Driver, long dead. Two sons, dau. married B. Webb, one son married. His parents died aged. He was long infirm. A man of the greatest industry and most peaceful temper. Essex opposite Herbert. A shoemaker."

*The War of 1886 between the United States and Great Britain.* Cincinnati: Published by Robert Clarke & Co. 1882. 12mo. pp. 25. Price 25 cts.

This brochure belongs to the same class of fictions as the "Battle of Dorking" and "Dame Europa's School." The United States being unprepared for war is supposed to give provocation to Great Britain, who attacks and utterly subdues her; but the panacea of free trade being forced upon our country, a sound currency and an efficient military organization follow, and the "nation's disaster turns to a blessing." The reader will meet with suggestions that are worthy of consideration.

*History of Augusta County, Virginia.* By J. LEWIS PERRYON. Staunton, Virginia: Samuel M. Yost & Son. 1882. 8vo. pp. 387+7. Price \$3.50.

This work reaches us too late for an adequate notice in this number. The county which originally extended to the Mississippi river has been the seat of important events in the history of our country, and the author by his previous works, some of which have been noticed in these pages, has shown his capability for the task. The *Valley Virginian*, in a notice of the book, says: "The work displays the systematizing capacity of the author. . . . It abounds in glowing descriptions of nature, profound thoughts and lofty sentiments—the style being every where characterized by warmth and animation." We shall notice the work more fully in April.

*The Wheelman.* The Wheelman Co., 608 Washington Street, Boston, Mass. Published monthly, pp. 80 each number. Price \$2 a year or 20 cts. a number.

This periodical was commenced last October, and the first three numbers are before us. Its field has hitherto been unoccupied in American literature. It is intended to hold "the same relation to the bicycling weeklies that the literary magazine holds to the newspaper press." It is well filled with interesting matter for the bicyclist, and is well printed and illustrated by fine engravings on wood.

*Vick's Floral Guide.* 1883. 8vo. pp. 134. Published by James Vick, Rochester, N. Y. Price 10 cts.

The *Floral Guide* for the current year contains three beautiful colored plates—one of flowers and two of vegetables, with the usual variety of matter and more than a thousand illustrations.

*The Descendants of George Little who came to Newbury, Massachusetts, in 1640.* By GEORGE THOMAS LITTLE, A.M., Member of the Maine Historical Society. Auburn, Me.: Published by the Author. 1882. 8vo. pp. xvi.+620.

*A Record of the Blakes of Somersetshire, especially in the line of William Blake, of Dorchester, Mass., the Emigrant to New England: With One Branch of His Descendants.* From the Notes of the late HORATIO G. SOMERBY. Boston: Privately printed. 1881. Sm. 4to. pp. 64.

*A Genealogical Record of the Descendants of Captain Samuel Ransom of the Continental Army, killed at the Massacre of Wyoming, Pa., July 3d, 1778.* Compiled by his Great-great-grandson, Captain CLINTON B. SEARS, Corps of Engineers U. S. Army. St. Louis: Nixon-Jones Printing Co. 1882. 8vo. pp. 234. Copies furnished at \$2 in plain binding, and \$3 in morocco, if ordered within four months. After that \$5, if any remain unsold. Address the author, St. Louis, Mo.

*The Townshend Family of Lynn, in Old and New England. Genealogical and Biographical.* By CHARLES HERVEY TOWNSEND, of New Haven, Conn. Revised Third Edition. New Haven, Conn. 8vo. 1882. pp. 138.

*Genealogy of the Descendants of Nathaniel Clarke of Newbury, Mass.* By GEORGE K. CLARKE, Member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Boston: Press of T. R. Marvin & Son. 1883. 8vo. pp. 120. Price \$2, including postage. Address: George K. Clarke, 18 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass.

*A Record of the Descendants of John Clark of Farmington, Conn. The Male Branches brought down to 1882. The Female Branches One Generation after the Clark Name is lost in Marriage.* By JULIUS GAY. Hartford, Conn.: Press of the Case, Lockwood and Brainard Company. 1882. 8vo. pp. 94. Price \$2, including postage. To be obtained of Mervin W. Clark, 208 State Street, Portland, Maine.

*A Record of the Descendants of John Baldwin, of Stonington, Conn.; with Notices of the other Baldwins who settled in America in Early Colony Times.* Prepared by JOHN D. BALDWIN of Worcester, Mass. Worcester: Printed by Tyler & Seagrave. 1880. 8vo. pp. 68.

*The Genealogy of the Hall Family, or Ancestors and Descendants of Noah Hall.* By J. D. HALL, Jr. 1882. From the Press of F. U. Scofield, Danielsonville, Conn. 8vo. pp. 31.

*Records of the McCrillis Families in America.* Compiled and Arranged by H. O. MCCRILLIS, Taunton, Mass. Taunton: Printed at the Office of John S. Sampson. 1882. 8vo. pp. 42.

*The Soule Family of North Yarmouth and Freeport, Maine.* By Dr. CHARLES E. BANKS and ENOS CHANDLER SOULE. "Old Times" Office, Yarmouth, Maine. 1882. 8vo. pp. 31.

*A Sketch of Some of the Descendants of Owen Richards, who emigrated to Pennsylvania previous to 1718.* By LOUIS RICHARDS, Reading, Pa. Philadelphia: Collins, Printer, 705 Jayne Street. 1882. Royal 8vo. pp. 20.

*A Biographical Sketch of Robert Gould Shaw (1776-1853). Prepared for the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass.* Printed for the Family. 1880. Royal 8vo. pp. 34.

1882. *Genealogy of the Whittier Family.* 1882. Compiled and Arranged by CHARLES COLLYER WHITTIER. Boston, Mass. Broadsheet, 30 in. by 43 inches.

*Meeting of the Montague Family at Hadley, Mass., Aug. 2, 1882.* Boston: Franklin Press. Rand, Avery and Company. 1882. 8vo. pp. 107.

*Address of the Hon. Andrew J. Bartholomew, of Southbridge, Mass., delivered Aug. 10, 1882, at Stony Creek, Conn., on the occasion of the First Reunion of the Descendants of Lieut. William Bartholomew.* Boston: Press of Coburn Brothers. 1882. 8vo. pp. 37.

*Descendants of Daniel Stone of Dorchester, Mass.* By WATERMAN STONE, Esq., of Providence, R. I. 8vo. pp. 4. Boston, 1882.

We continue our quarterly notices of genealogical works.

The first book on the list, the *Little Genealogy*, is by the author of the small but elegant work noticed by us in October, 1877. The present work is greatly enlarged, and contains the record of nearly six thousand descendants of the emigrant ancestor. It is arranged on the Goodwin or Connecticut plan, with some improvements. Much labor has evidently been bestowed on this book. The records are full and the dates precise. The book is handsomely printed and thoroughly indexed, including places as well as names.

The Blake record by Mr. Somerby is edited by William H. Whitmore, A.M. It traces the ancestry of William Blake, an early settler at Dorchester, Mass., to Robert Blake who "had his residence in the township of Calne, where he was assessed to the subsidies of Edward the Third, in 1347, to an amount far exceeding that of any other inhabitant of the town," through Henry,<sup>2</sup> William,<sup>3</sup> Henry,<sup>4</sup> Robert,<sup>5</sup> William,<sup>6</sup> William,<sup>7</sup> Humphrey,<sup>8</sup> John<sup>9</sup> and Robert,<sup>10</sup> his father, of Over Stowey, co. Somerset, England. The conjecture in the Blake Genealogy (Boston, 1857) page 10, that the Dorchester settler was William son of Giles and Dorothy (Twedy) Blake of Little Baddow, Essex, proves erroneous. The names of the author and editor are a sufficient assurance that the work is thoroughly prepared in every respect. It is elegantly printed.

The Ransom genealogy by Capt. Sears, U.S.A., gives the descendants, to the number of more than seventeen hundred, of Capt. Samuel Ransom of the Revolutionary army, who was born at or near Ipswich, England, about 1737. A prefatory "Historical Sketch" gives an account of Capt. Ransom and his immediate family. The work is wonderfully full as to details, and very precise as to dates. Particulars which, though important, are seldom found in such books, seem to have been scrupulously sought for. The book is got up in an elegant style, and has a model index.

Two editions of the Townshend Family have been printed before that whose title is given above, which is much enlarged and greatly improved. The first (Boston, 8vo. pp. 15) appeared in 1875, and was a reprint of an article in the REGISTER for January of that year. The second (Ridgefield, Ct., 8vo. pp. 27) appeared in 1881. It is more than a quarter of a century since Mr. Townshend commenced collecting materials for a genealogy of his family, and the result of his labors, the most important of which appear in these pages, leaves very little doubt that the emigrant ancestor of this country, Thomas Townsend of Lynn, Mass., was the son of Henry and Margaret (Forthé) Townshend of that name, baptized at Bracon-Ash, Jan. 8, 1594-5. Margaret Forthé was a cousin of the first wife of Gov. John Winthrop. The late Col. Chester had undertaken to make an exhaustive research for the purpose of settling the doubt, but was prevented from doing so by his death last year. His investigations had however satisfied him that the supposed connection, which was confirmed by tradition, was extremely probable. We have here also a very full account of the English family, which is traced in an unbroken line to Roger de Townshende in the fifteenth century. A large appendix of documents is given, bearing upon the history of the family and the point in question.

The next book, devoted to the descendants of Nathaniel Clarke, of Newbury, has been prepared in a very thorough manner. The author in his preface states that "all the genealogical matter of a material nature previous to the year 1800 has been proven and authenticated by examination of the original documents, and this practice has been continued to the present time, whenever it could conveniently be done." The book is well prepared, well indexed and well printed. As the edition is small, descendants will do well to secure their copies early.

The next book gives the descendants of John Clark, of Farmington, Conn. Mr. Gay, of Farmington, the author, seems to have done all that he could do to make his work perfect. Mr. Clark, the ancestor of this family, is not found in Farmington before 1657, but his descendants think that he was the John Clark who was one of the early settlers of Cambridge, Mass., supposed to be the person of that name subsequently in Hartford, Ct. But the descendants of John Clark, of Saybrook, Ct., doubt this, and claim that the Cambridge and Hartford settler was identical with their ancestor. Mr. Gay presents the prominent authenticated facts concerning the John Clarks of the four towns, and leaves the question in dispute to be determined by future researches. The book deserves much praise for the manner in which it is prepared. It is arranged on the REGISTER plan.

The genealogy of the Stonington Baldwins is by the Hon. John D. Baldwin, the senior editor of the *Worcester Spy*, who has devoted much time to collecting materials for this work. Mr. C. C. Baldwin acknowledges his indebtedness to him for

assistance on the large work on the Baldwin family noticed by us in July, 1881. It is arranged on the Goodwin plan, and has a good index.

The Hall book is devoted to the ancestors and descendants of Noah Hall, who completed the eightieth year of his age last April, and was living last fall when the book was published. It is embellished with a portrait of Mr. Hall and a view of the old family mansion in Danielsonville, built in 1696.

The Record of the McCrillis Families gives the descendants of four persons of this name, three of whom settled in New Hampshire and one in Massachusetts, near the middle of the last century. This seems to be preliminary to a future edition of the work, and the author desires persons of the name to send him complete records of their families for this purpose.

The Soule genealogy, by Dr. Banks and Capt. Soule, is reprinted from *Old Times*, a periodical which has often been noticed by us. The family is traced to George Soule, one of the Mayflower Pilgrims. The authors have done their work well. They intend, however, to bring out a fuller work, and desire information to be sent to Capt. Enos C. Soule, Newton, Mass.

The Richards pamphlet is a reprint of an article in the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Sketches of Owen Richards and some of the more prominent of his descendants are given in this genealogy. It is embellished with portraits of William Richards, 1738-1823, and B. W. Richards, 1797-1851.

The sketch of the Hon. Robert G. Shaw is a reprint of an article by his son, the late Francis G. Shaw, of West New Brighton, N. Y., prepared for the second volume of "Memorial Biographies." A genealogy is appended to the reprint, giving the descendants of Francis Shaw, the father of Robert G., to the present time.

The Whittier genealogy, by Mr. D. B. Whittier, was noticed by us in April, 1874. The present chart, by Mr. C. C. Whittier, gives a larger list of the descendants of Thomas Whittier, an early settler at Salisbury, Mass., who is the ancestor of the poet Whittier, and probably of all others of the name in this country. It is evidently prepared with care. We hope the author will give us a genealogy in book form, where he can give fuller details, which no doubt he already has.

The Montague Family meeting was held last autumn at Hadley, Mass., where Richard Montague, the emigrant ancestor of this family, finally settled and died. This report of the proceedings on that occasion is ably edited by the Rev. Richard Montague, of Providence, R. I., who delivered an address on "The Montague Family in America." An address on "The Montague Family in England" was delivered by Prof. William L. Montague of Amherst College. These and the other addresses, the poems and the hymns, are very creditable to the authors.

The Bartholomew pamphlet, in the address named in the title, gives a glance at the history of the Bartholomews in this country and in England. Prefixed is an account of the gathering at Stony Creek and the formation of the "William Bartholomew Association." We presume that this meeting originated with George W. Bartholomew, Jr., of Austin, Texas, who has for eleven years devoted much time to the collection of genealogical materials relative to this family, in which he has been remarkably successful.

The pamphlet on the Stone family is a reprint from the REGISTER for October, 1882.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO DEC. 1, 1882.

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A Biographical Sketch of Capt. Oliver Brown, an officer of the revolutionary army who commanded the party which destroyed the statue of George the Third in New York City, July 9, 1776. By the Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden. Privately printed. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 1882. 8vo. pp. 22.

Address at the fifth Annual Re-union of the First Massachusetts Light Battery Association, held at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mass., October 3, 1882. By Comrade John W. Bell, of Washington, D. C. Boston: Franklin Press. Rand, Avery & Company. 1882. 8vo. pp. 24.

In Memory of Mary May (1787-1882), wife of Samuel May, of Boston (1776-1870) - Not published. 1882. 8vo. pp. 28.

**Harvest Voices.** A discourse delivered in the Central Congregational Church, Chelsea, Mass., on the occasion of the Harvest Offerings, Sunday, Oct. 22, 1882. By the Rev. C. P. H. Nason. Boston: D. C. Colesworthy, 66 Cornhill. 1882. 8vo. pp. 20.

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*Orderly Book of Sir John Johnson During the Oriskany Campaign, 1776-1777.* Annotated by WILLIAM L. STONE. With a Historical Introduction Illustrating the Life of Sir John Johnson, Bart., by J. WATTS DE PEYSTER, LL.D., M.A. And Some Tracings from the Footprints of the Tories or Loyalists in America, contributed by THEODORUS BAILEY MYERS. Albany: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1882. Fcp. 4to. clxviii.+11+272. Price \$4.

A more full account of what remains of the Order Books and Rosters of the Revolutionary War would be interesting. In the hurry of its active operations, little time could be spared even at head-quarters to perfect them, and when taken down for the use of the different corps of the army, by ear, abound in mistakes. They prove, however, in their worst estate, in many instances, of value to settle historical doubts. This particular book, which emerged from the archives of the Willett family in 1880, a hundred years or more after its capture in August, 1777, by their progenitor, Col. Willett, in his sortie from Fort Stanwix on the Mohawk, is now printed. Though not, like many that have survived, very instructive, as annotated by Col. William L. Stone, it becomes interesting and throws much light upon events which helped to defeat Burgoyne.

Its publication has been made the occasion for a vindication by Mr. de Peyster of the memory of Sir John Johnson from the imputation of cruelties and irregular proceedings in his raids and marauds in the valley of the Mohawk, where his father Sir William Johnson, who died in 1774, long exercised sway over the Indian tribes in its neighborhood. Sir John was not of a temper to submit anianiably to the inevitable, and indulged his resentment at the sequestration of his inheritance more in character with savage usage than christian precept. For the vast estates that he lost, his indemnities from the crown fell far short of compensation. In the interesting article of Col. Myers on the tories, which forms part of the volume, he pleads ably for the cause of the refugee royalists, and states we think justly their claim to be respected for their loyalty to their king. The tendency of American historians to denounce them for taking part against the cause of independence, if it once had some excuse, has no longer the slightest. In civil war, as in political controversy, there are always two sides, and from their respective standpoints both equally sensible and honest. That so many of the loyalists put in jeopardy large fortunes, out of fidelity to principle, should shield them from reproach.

That Sir John should have embraced the side of the crown needs no apology; that he was angry for being disturbed in his estates was reasonable enough, except that he

took his chance. That he should have been so unsparring in his revenge was not to his credit, and neither the merit of the man nor the importance of his achievements, as we learn them from his biographer, or of the Orders required so loud a call upon the public attention. Still, whatever concerns the settlements of the Mohawk, illustrates the character of the ancestors of its present inhabitants, enables us better to comprehend that remarkable people, the Iroquois, or throws additional light upon Sir William Johnson, the Willets, Herkimer or Gansevoort, is well worth the labor and expense which gave us this volume.

The military operations of 1777, of one portion of which the Order Book gives us a skeleton narrative, should be borne in mind to explain its value. In the previous December a plan was concerted in Canada and New York, and subsequently approved in London, for ten thousand men to descend under Burgoyne, by Lake Champlain and Lake George, and form a junction with Howe and his army, or such part of it as could be spared for the purpose of ascending the Hudson, where at Albany had gathered the American northern army under Schuyler and Gates. One part of the scheme was for a force under St. Leger to ascend the St. Lawrence to combine with an Indian force under Brant at Oswego, to reduce Fort Stanwix on the Mohawk, and proceed down that river and reinforce Burgoyne. Johnson in command of the Royal Greens constituted a part of this army which, when it reached Fort Stanwix on the fourth of August and opened its trenches, consisted of about nine hundred men. Willet was in command of the garrison. Herkimer with about a thousand men hastily levied to relieve the fort, when within five miles of it was drawn into an ambush, and himself and a large portion of his force annihilated. The Royal Greens were sent to reinforce the army opposed to Herkimer, and the lines round the fort weakened by this detachment, the garrison made a sally, and had time to carry away the besiegers' supply of food and ammunition, and retire without loss before the enemy returned triumphant from the slaughter. Among the spoils of the garrison's sortie was this order book, taken by Col. Willett from Sir John Johnson's tent. The operations before Fort Stanwix continued, but with little progress, when Arnold, sent by Schuyler with two thousand men, forced St. Leger to raise the siege, who was thus cut off from carrying needed aid to Burgoyne. This and the battle of Bennington reduced Burgoyne's army, which far from its base and surrounded by the superior number of Gates and his able generals, was obliged to capitulate.

One principal object of Mr. de Peyster's memoir of Johnson is to relate the part Johnson took in these operations and remove any unfavorable impressions of his raids in 1780. To justify their atrocities, he charges, as we think unjustly, the expedition into Western New York the year before under Sullivan and Clinton, with inhumanity. Any one familiar with the history and motives of the expedition will find no ground for such a charge. The destruction of Wyoming and Cherry Valley by the Iroquois, but instigated by British officers: the British marauds at Fairfield, Norwalk and New Haven, in 1778, called for retaliation. The country demanded it, congress ordered it, but while sufficient injury was intended to prevent repetition of the horrors that provoked it, beyond the destruction of the crops and villages of the Iroquois there is proof no inhumanities were intended or practised, unless in rare instances by the soldiers.

Whoever takes into view the actual state of the war in 1779 must attach to the expedition a very different object than the mere punishment of these savage tribes. After D'Estaing's abandonment of the siege of Newport in August, 1778, at the moment when two days' delay would have reduced the place, he went to Boston to repair and refit his shattered fleet, and sailed in December for the West Indies, where he gained one signal victory over Byron, the two fleets being nearly equal in force. He had led the Americans to expect his return in the summer to cooperate with Washington, possibly against Canada. Delayed by events beyond his control, he laid siege to Savannah in September, but, repulsed with great loss and seriously wounded, sailed home in October. That month La Fayette reached Boston to announce that in the spring Rochambeau would bring the army which in 1781 ended the war at Yorktown.

The expedition was a military movement and justified by Wyoming and the other marauds of the enemy. It cannot be explained except as part of an intended movement for the annexation of Canada, thwarted by D'Estaing not coming as he had led us to hope. It had its advantages in securing Western New York, thirteen millions of acres for the United States, for New York, and for our own state, the charter of which embraced it in our limits.

By *Thomas C. Amory, A.M., of Boston.*

*History of Hardwick, Massachusetts. With a Genealogical Register.* By LUCIUS R. PAIGE. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company. 1883. 8vo. pp. xii.+555. Price \$5.

The Rev. Dr. Paige has completed and published his *History of Hardwick*, upon which he has long been engaged. It makes a handsome volume, and is a worthy companion to the author's "*History of Cambridge*," published six years ago, and noticed in the REGISTER, xxxi. 34. Hardwick is the native town of Dr. Paige, and Cambridge is his present residence, where he has lived for more than half a century; so that in the two volumes he preserves the history of his adopted city and his native town.

Many men of note have been residents of Hardwick, but undoubtedly the most remarkable character connected with it is Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles. He was in his time the leading spirit in the town, and one of the chief men in political and military affairs in the province; but he was a loyalist, lost his prestige with his countrymen, and died in exile. Dr. Paige has presented interesting accounts of Brigadier Ruggles and other men of mark in Hardwick.

We think the chief of the many merits of the author is reliability. When he makes a positive statement we feel satisfied that it is true. He scrutinizes every fact before he admits it to his pages. Nothing is found here which has not stood the most rigid tests. When a statement is merely probable we are told so, and the evidence is generally given.

Every division of the history of Hardwick—Indian, Civil, Ecclesiastical, Literary and Military—is carefully and conscientiously treated in the book before us, and we have also some valuable statistical tables. But what has probably cost Dr. Paige the most labor in this volume is the genealogical portion, filling 225 closely printed pages. Few town histories have so extensive genealogies, and few will be found so accurate. It has good indexes of families and surnames, and a very full table of contents.

Hardwick is a small agricultural town of not much over two thousand inhabitants, and yet it has most liberally provided for the publication of this volume, appropriating sixteen hundred dollars for printing four hundred copies, fifty of which have been presented to the author. Many wealthier communities need to take example from Hardwick.

*Memoir of John A. Dahlgren, Rear Admiral United States Navy.* By his widow, MADELINE VINTON DAHLGREN. With Portraits and Illustrations. Boston: James R. Osgood and Company. 1882. 8vo. pp. xi.+660. Price \$3.

This is a handsome volume of 660 octavo pages. It is the tribute of one of the most accomplished women of America to a husband who ranks with the foremost and most famous of our naval commanders. John A. Dahlgren, a native of Philadelphia, entered the U. S. Navy as a midshipman at the age of fourteen, February 1, 1826, and rose to the rank of rear admiral, Feb. 7, 1863. The opening of the war found him on ordnance duty at Washington.

On the 22d of April, 1861, Captain Buchanan and every other officer at the Washington Navy Yard, except Dahlgren, resigned their commissions and engaged in the service of the Southern Confederacy. The fidelity of Dahlgren in that great crisis saved the capital—we might add, saved the Union—for had Washington fallen at that time, what might not have happened?

The original design of the secessionists was to seize this Navy Yard, and then obtain arms and prevent the inauguration of President Lincoln. But delay after delay intervened until it was too late. When Dahlgren took command of the yard, April 22d, he had only forty men (marines) whom he could depend on to defend it. There were, indeed, three companies of District Volunteers; but at that time they could not safely be trusted.

The immense service which Dahlgren rendered to the Union while chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, in furnishing cannon for the army as well as in arming the vessels of the navy, were well appreciated by President Lincoln and by all who aided him, either on land or sea, in suppressing the rebellion. Secretary Stanton desired to transfer Dahlgren from the navy to the army and make him chief of artillery; but Secretary Welles insisted on retaining him in the navy.

On July 6, 1863, Rear-Admiral Dahlgren relieved Dupont of the command of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron; and, four days later, by the aid of his monitors, which he led in person, he enabled General Gillmore to seize and occupy two-thirds of Morris Island. It was not the fault of the Admiral that the whole of that island, including Fort Wagner and the batteries on Cummings Point, was not captured on that day, with but little loss of life. The garrison had been reduced to a

skeleton; but Gillmore's advance was stopped suddenly and unexpectedly at nine o'clock in the morning; and before another day's sun arose Beauregard had reinforced the garrison and prepared for as obstinate a resistance as was ever encountered in all the annals of war.

The events which signalized the Admiral's period of service off the coasts of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, from this first success before Charleston until General Sherman's entry into Columbia, when Dahlgren's barge was rowed up to the wharves of Charleston, February 18, 1865, are vividly recorded in this memoir, chiefly in the words of his own diary.

After the war the Admiral commanded the South Pacific Squadron, and later resumed command of the Washington Navy Yard, where he died suddenly of heart disease, July 12, 1870. It can hardly be too much to say, that the time will come when his statue, cast from the metal of his own cannon, will yet arise in that yard where his flag of command was last unfurled. But better than any image of marble or bronze is the monument which a wife's affection has erected in this noble memoir.

*By the Hon. Charles Cowley, of Lowell, Mass.*

*History of Augusta County, Virginia.* By J. LEWIS PEYTON, Author of "The American Crisis," "Over the Alleghanies and Across the Prairies," "A Statistical View of the State of Illinois," etc. Staunton, Virginia: Samuel M. Yost & Son. 1892. 8vo. pp. vii.+387 and Index. Price \$3.50; by mail, \$3.66.

This work is one of value and interest, and is distinguished as being the most thorough and extensive of the local chronicles of Virginia. The author, Colonel Peyton, is a native of Augusta County, and a descendant of one of its pioneer settlers, John Lewis. He has been familiar from infancy with its thrilling fireside traditions of border warfare, incidents of pioneer life and quaint early customs, which have naturally quickened an inherent affection for his theme. A ripe scholar with systematic habits of research, and a long and favored experience as an author; a graceful writer, he brings to his loving office of historian singular advantages. The history of Virginia from its settlement is succinctly but comprehensively traced to the formation of Augusta County. A chapter is devoted to the "ancient limits" of Virginia, embracing the mooted rights of Virginia to north-western territory. The origin of the aborigines is discussed, and the location of the tribes in the section treated defined: incidents of border warfare and pioneer life crowd each other with graphic detail. The social, religious and military history of the county are amply considered, and be it recollected the men of Augusta bore a prominent part in the French and Indian war. Many valuable documents, hitherto unpublished, are incorporated in the work, which is supplemented with genealogies of the Lewis, McDowell, Preston, Campbell, Stuart, Bell, Cochran, Tate, Christian, Crawford, McCue, Hanger, Matthews, Wayt, Marshall, Peyton, Baldwin and Koener families, of more or less extent; and biographical notices of distinguished natives of the county.

*By R. A. Brock, Esq., of Richmond, Va.*

*An Introduction to American Institutional History.* By EDWARD A. FREEMAN, D.C.L., LL.D. Published by the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. 1899. 8vo. pp. 39. Price 25 cts.

*The Germanic Origin of New England Towns.* Read before the Harvard Historical Society, May 9, 1881. By HERBERT B. ADAMS, Ph.D. With Notes on Co-operation in University Work. Published by the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. 1882. 8vo. pp. 57. Price 40 cts.

The two pamphlets before us form Nos. 1 and 2 of the "Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science," edited by Prof. Herbert B. Adams. "The idea of this series," we are informed in the prospectus, "is to bring together, in numbered monographs, kindred contributions to Historical and Political Science, so that individual efforts may gain strength by combination and become more useful as well as more accessible to students." The prospectus gives the titles and authors of the first twenty numbers, and shows that able writers will treat of important historical subjects. The paper on Constables by Prof. Adams, printed in the REGISTER for April and July last, will form one of the series. A limited edition of each monograph will be printed, and a price will be fixed for each. Those, however, who remit \$3 to N. Murray, Publication Agency, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., will receive the first twelve numbers, making a volume of from 300 to 400 pages.

*The Genealogist.* Edited by GEORGE W. MARSHALL, LL.D., Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. January, 1883. London: George Bell & Sons, York Street, Covent Garden. 8vo. pp. 64, vol. vii. No. 45. Price 2s. 6d. a number, or 10 shillings a year.

The seventh volume of this valuable periodical commences with this number. It is filled with the usual variety of matter interesting to the genealogist. The first article is of more than ordinary interest to Americans. It is entitled, "New Notes on the Ancestry of George Washington." The author, J. C. C. Smith of the Literary Department, Somerset House, London, furnishes new facts relating to Mrs. Mildred (Warner) Washington, the paternal grandmother of Gen. Washington, who after the death of her husband, Lawrence Washington, went to England, where, in November, 1700, she applied for a grant of Probate at London on her husband's estate, which she obtained in December. She had previously married George Gale, who has been identified by Mr. Smith. Mrs. Gale died the next month, January, 1700-1, and was buried at St. Nicholas', Whitehaven, on the 30th. Her will was proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Richmond, March 18 following. In the probate she is described as wife of George Gale, of Whitehaven, Cumberland. Mr. Smith suggests that the fact that the widow of Lawrence Washington, son of the emigrant, married into a Whitehaven family, is a fragment of evidence toward solving the problem in regard to the English home of the ancestors of George Washington, particularly as a family of Washingtons lived there, 1692-1766, and that one of them, with the Christian name Lawrence, was married there in 1731. A pedigree of Gale of Whitehaven is given, in which George Gale is described as "of Somerset County in Maryland. Supposed to be living in 1712."

*An Index to Periodical Literature.* By WILLIAM FREDERICK POOLK, LL.D., Librarian of the Chicago Public Library. Third Edition, brought down to January, 1882, with the Assistance as Associate Editor of WILLIAM I. FLETCHER, Assistant Librarian of the Wilkinson Library, Hartford, Conn. And the Coöperation of the American Library Association and the Library Association of the United Kingdom. Boston: James R. Osgood and Company. 1882. xxvii. + 1442. Prices, Cloth, \$15; Sheep, \$17; Half Mor. \$18.

This is one of the most important and careful works that has been issued for many years, and we had hoped to have had a more adequate notice of it in this number; but owing to the sickness of the gentleman who was to write it, we shall be obliged to defer it till our next issue.

The work has had the commendation of those in Europe and America best qualified to judge of its merits and usefulness. To their testimony we cheerfully add our own.

*Vital Statistics of Seymour, Conn.* Compiled by W. C. SHARPE. "Record" Print, Seymour, Conn. 1883. 8vo. pp. 136. Price \$1.60 postpaid.

This book will serve as a companion volume to the author's *History of Seymour*, noticed by us in April, 1879. It contains the records of births, marriages and deaths, and the gravestone inscriptions at Seymour to the present time. Mr. Sharpe has had much experience in such work, and we feel that he has used the utmost care to make the book accurate and reliable. Mr. Cothren, in the third volume of his *History of Woodbury*, and the author of this book, have set examples which we hope to see followed not only in Connecticut but in other states. Mr. Sharpe's book is fully indexed by christian and surname. An index like this doubles, if it does not treble, the value of a work of this kind.

*The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia.* Necrology for 1882. By CHARLES HENRY HART, Historiographer. Philadelphia: 1883. 8vo. pp. 20.

This pamphlet gives the annual necrology of the Philadelphia Numismatic and Antiquarian Society for last year. Mr. Hart here gives carefully prepared memoirs of the five members of that society who died in 1882, namely, Hon. Lewis H. Morgan of Rochester, N. Y., Neils Frederick Bernhard de Schested of Broholm, Denmark, Dr. George Smith of Upper Darby, Pa., Hon. Elisha R. Potter of Kingston, R. I., Hon. Horace Maynard of Knoxville, Tenn., William S. Vaux of Philadelphia, and Hon. Henry C. Murphy, LL.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y. The pamphlet is reprinted from the "Proceedings" of the society for 1882. Mr. Hart shows special ability in biographical literature.

*History of Sanbornton, New Hampshire. Two Volumes. Volume I. Annals.* By Rev. M. T. RUNNELS. Boston, Mass.: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers. 1882. 8vo. xxx.+569. Price for the set, \$7.50.

The first volume of the History of Sanbornton, containing the annals of the town, is a worthy companion to the second volume published a little more than a year ago, and noticed by us in April, 1882; which contained one of the largest and most valuable collections of New England genealogy ever published.

These volumes illustrate how complete a town history may be written by a thorough, diligent and painstaking author imbued with love of his work. No other town in New Hampshire, and but few anywhere, has so perfect a record of its proprietary history, early settlement, pioneers and patriarchs, Indian relics and antiquities, ecclesiastical, military and political history, social life, business enterprises, trades and occupations, and even of the wild animals that have roved in its woods. The chapter on the natural and geological characteristics of the locality is illustrated by interesting diagrams, and the book is rich in portraits and pictures of prominent buildings and landmarks. In this work the sites of houses long since levelled with the ground may be learned, the locality of solitary graves, and hundreds of incidents that most men would overlook have been collected and noted by the industrious and accurate author. The latter portion of the book contains a valuable supplement to the family history in the other volume, and the records of births, deaths and marriages in Sanbornton since the issue of the second volume to April 28, 1882.

Two elaborate maps compiled by Mr. Runnels and Mr. A. P. Ayling accompany this volume, and include the towns that have been set off from the original one.

Both of these valuable volumes may be obtained at the above named price from the author, or from Alfred Mudge & Son, 34 School Street, Boston.

By George K. Clarke, Esq., of Needham, Mass.

*Documents relating to the Colonial State of New Jersey.* Edited by WILLIAM A. WHITEHEAD. Newark, N. J.: Daily Advertiser Printing House. 1882. 8vo. vol. v. (1882) pp. xvi.+520; vol. vi. (1882) pp. xvi.+482.

*Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society.* Second Series. Vol. VII. No. 3. 1883. 8vo. pp. 41.

Since our notice of the New Jersey Colonial Documents or Archives in October last, two additional volumes have appeared by authority of the state, under the able editorship of Mr. Whitehead, the corresponding secretary of the New Jersey Historical Society. They are still printed under the direction of the society, through the same committee that had charge of the previous volumes, namely, the Hon. Nathaniel Niles, chairman; ex-Gov. Marcus L. Ward, ex-Gov. Joel Parker, and the editor. The fifth volume completes the documents relating to the Union Era, or the period during which New York and New Jersey were in charge of the same governors, ending in 1737. In the sixth volume Mr. Whitehead has commenced the documents relating to the Provincial Era, which begins with the administration of Gov. Lewis Morris in 1738, and ends with the war of Independence. This volume brings the record down to the year 1747.

The state of New Jersey deserves great credit for preserving its archives in print in so handsome and satisfactory a style. When will Massachusetts begin to print hers? They are of priceless value, and their loss would be irreparable.

The number of the Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society now before us contains the doings of the society at its thirty-eighth annual meeting, including an interesting paper by Mr. R. Wayne Parker on Taxes and Money in New Jersey before the Revolution.

*Proceedings of the New England Methodist Historical Society at the Third Annual Meeting, January 15, 1883.* Boston: Society's Rooms, 36 Bromfield Street. 1883. 8vo. pp. 31.

This society was organized May 3, 1880, and the published proceedings at the annual meetings in 1881 and 1882 have been noticed in our April issues in those years. During the last year, April 13, 1882, the society has been incorporated under the general statutes, and we trust that a long and useful career is before it. It has now 231 resident, 62 corresponding, one life and two honorary members, making a total of 296 members. The society has shown much activity. Seven papers and one address were prepared for, read or delivered before it last year, while the library, under the able management of Willard S. Allen, A.M., has been largely increased.

*The History of Ancient Sheepscot and Newcastle; Including Early Pemaquid, Damascotia, and other contiguous places, from the earliest discovery to the present time; Together with the Genealogy of more than four hundred families.* By Rev. DAVID QUIMBY CUSHMAN. Bath, Me.: E. Upton & Son. 1882. 8vo. pp. 458.

The town is fortunate that has for its historian one who unites thorough competency for the work with a loving zeal in its pursuit. The author of this book has spent many years in collecting his materials, and it stands as a monument of his good judgment, patience and devotion. Thoroughly conversant with all that has been written in regard to his subject, his long research has qualified him to supplement facts and correct errors. Much of the most important interest in the early history of Maine centres about Ancient Sheepscot. The writer begins with the voyeys age of the Cabots in 1497, and briefly sketches the visits of other succeeding explorers. Then follows an account of early Pemaquid, its purchase of the Indians by John Brown, and the ensuing contests of titles between this and the Plymouth Patent. The Indian massacre of 1675 is fully detailed, and the ruins of the ancient settlement described. The settlement of Sheepscot follows. Dates, names, and facts follow each other in regular and invincible array of evidence. No words are wasted; there is no theorizing; nothing is taken for granted; tradition is recognized as tradition and allowed its proper place. The relations of the settlement to Walter Phillippe, the grant of King Charles to his brother James, King Philip's and later Indian wars, are all set forth in interesting order. In the resettlement appears the name of Gov. Andros, and the persistent Dutch are intermixed in affairs. Interesting documents and plans are introduced throughout. Lists of the early settlers, biographical sketches of prominent men and families, accounts of various claims and claimants, ministers, churches, schools, shipbuilding and other local industries make up the body of the work, interspersed here and there with pithy stories illustrative of the habits and customs peculiar to the people of successive generations. Lists of civil officers and soldiers of the late war, with a genealogical account of over four hundred families, fittingly close the history, to which is added a valuable appendix containing a discussion of the locality of Pentecost Harbor. The work shows itself to be the result of great labor, and is an immense addition to our local history. We are sorry to add the expression of our regret that so valuable a work should be published without an index of names, without which no town history is complete.

*By the Rev. G. M. Bodge, Dorchester, Mass.*

*Leigh in the 18th Century, 1689-1813.* By JOSIAH ROSE, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society; Honorary Member of the Virginia Historical Society, etc. Leigh: Journal Office, Market Place; W. D. Pink, King Street, Manchester; Henry Gray, 25 Cathedral Yard. 8vo. pp. 159. 1882. To be obtained of the author, Mr. Josiah Rose, Bond Street, Leigh, England. Price 3s. 6d. (by post, 4s. 2d).

The counties of Lancaster and Chester, England, have a band of zealous and efficient workers in the antiquarian field. The Record Society, whose publications now number six octavo volumes, is one of the results of their efforts. The works of J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., and J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A., have frequently been commended in these pages. We have now before us a book by Mr. Rose of Leigh, who has long been a writer on Lancashire antiquities.

This volume is a reprint of a series of papers by Mr. Rose which appeared in the *Leigh Journal and Times*. They are the result of a thorough examination made by the writer in March, 1883, of the Pennington Township Chest, then and still in the custody of the Leigh Local Board. The most important of the documents found in this chest have been made the basis of some interesting articles which give us an insight into the manners and customs of the last century in that locality, such as only a wide-awake antiquary could present to our eye.

*Groton in the Witchcraft Times.* By SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D. Groton, Mass. 1883. 8vo. pp. 29.

*Old Homesteads of Groton, Mass.* By FRANCIS MARION BOUTWELL. Groton: 1883. 8vo. pp. 11.

Groton is fortunate in having sons like the Hon. Dr. Green and Mr. Boutwell, who are interested in preserving her history. Dr. Green has for many years been indefatigable in collecting the scattered materials of her history, and the various works noticed in former volumes of the REGISTER bear witness to his success.

Dr. Green's present tract shows the honorable record of Groton and its minister,



the Rev. Samuel Willard, in the matter of Witchcraft. In 1671, over twenty years before the sad delusion at Salem, Elizabeth Knapp of Groton showed signs of being afflicted by witches. At that time a belief in witchcraft existed among all classes in Europe and in this country. Although individuals were accused by Elizabeth Knapp, the caution of Rev. Mr. Willard prevented any one from being executed. In 1692, one who had been an inhabitant of Groton, John Willard, was executed at Salem. Many facts and documents relating to these cases are here printed.

Mr. Boutwell's tract is on an interesting subject, the homesteads of the early settlers of Groton. By patient research he has identified the estates of a large number of the men living in that town during the first twenty-five years after its settlement. He has been so successful in this investigation that we hope he will undertake others.

*Celebration of the Fourth of July, 1877, by the Sons of Revolutionary Sires in San Francisco, California.* 8vo. pp. 8. Printed at San Francisco.

On the anniversary of Independence in 1876, the descendants of the patriots of the revolution in San Francisco met and celebrated the day. At that time the society, the record of whose celebration a year later is before us, was organized "for the purpose of collecting the traditions of those noble old patriots that had not yet passed into history; and to encourage the growth of patriotism; and to celebrate the 22d of February, the birthday of Washington; the 4th of July, the birthday of Liberty; and the 19th of October, the anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown." It is still an active and influential association.

At the celebration in 1877, James P. Dameron, Esq., one of the originators of the society, delivered an able oration, and the Hon. Charles H. Dennison read an original poem. There were other literary exercises of merit, all of which are printed in the pamphlet before us.

*Bibliotheca Americana, 1883, Catalogue of a Valuable Collection of Books and Pamphlets relating to America. With a Descriptive List of Robert Clarke & Co.'s Historical Publications. For sale by Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati. 1883. 8vo. pp. 266+42. Price 50 cts.*

Messrs. Robert Clarke & Co. have issued their *Bibliotheca Americana* in the years 1875, 1876, 1878, 1879, and perhaps in other years. These compilations have been valuable aids to librarians and book collectors. The present issue will be quite as useful to them as its predecessors.

*Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education. 1882. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1882. 8vo. No. 2, pp 119; No. 3, pp. 67.*

*Natural Science in Secondary Schools. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1882. 8vo. pp. 9.*

*Instruction in Morals and Civil Government. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1882. 8vo. pp. 4.*

*High Schools for Girls in Sweden. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1882. 8vo. pp. 6.*

*Report of the Secretary of the Interior for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1882. Washington: Government Printing Office. 8vo. pp. 47.*

The United States Bureau of Education, under the efficient management of the Hon. John Eaton, is doing good service to the country by spreading broadcast valuable information upon topics of interest to teachers.

Circular No. 2 contains the Proceedings of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association at its meeting at Washington, March 21-23, 1882. The convention was attended by superintendents of public schools from all parts of the country, and the discussions and papers at the several sessions touch upon important subjects concerning our schools.

Circular No. 3 contains a carefully prepared account of the University of Bonn, the youngest of the ten German universities, concerning whose history and methods of study our people have a strong desire to obtain information. It is a summary, and in part a translation of an article in French by M. Edmond Dreyfus-Brisac, of Paris, which forms the first of a series of sketches of foreign universities published by the French Superior Education Society.

The next three pamphlets are also issued by the Board of Education, and their titles sufficiently indicate their contents. They give the results of the experience and thought of some of the best minds devoted to the cause of education,

The report of the Hon. Henry M. Teller, Secretary of the Interior, shows that a warm friend of education is in charge of that department. Both Secretary Teller and Commissioner Eaton are in favor of national aid in the education of the people.

*The Layman's Faith: "If a Man Die, shall he Live Again?"* By ISAAC N. ARNOLD. Chicago: Fergus Printing Company. 1882. 8vo. pp. 31.

This tract, by the president of the Chicago Historical Society, is a paper read by him before the Philosophical Society of Chicago, Illinois, December 16, 1882, and is now printed, at their request, for some of his old friends. It is an able argument in favor of the immortality of the soul.

*Some Old Precedents of Modern Church Building.* By B. W. MOUNTFORT, Architect. Christchurch: Printed at the "Press" Office, Cashel Street. 1879. 8vo. pp. 12.

This is a paper which Mr. Mountfort read before the annual meeting of the Cathedral Guild, Christchurch, New Zealand, in October, 1878. He gives interesting descriptions of church edifices of past ages, and historical memoranda concerning them.

*Antique Views of ye Towne of Boston.* Published by ye Photo-Electrotype Engraving Co., 63 Oliver Street, Boston, Mass. 4to. pp. 378. Price \$6.

The title of this book gives the reader but a general idea of the contents of the work. It is an exceedingly interesting and valuable collection of rare old prints representing historic homes, monuments, public buildings, churches, graves, fortifications, and other historic landmarks of the old three-hilled town. Much care and research were evidently bestowed upon the preparation of the volume. Many of the illustrations here reproduced are very difficult to obtain on account of their extreme scarcity. The author justly says in his introduction, that "no city in the United States gathers within its limits more matter of national historic import than the city of Boston." Some few additions might have been made, such as a print of the New Brick Church, for instance, and one or two illustrations might have been with propriety omitted, such as the representation of the first church, copied from a merely imaginary picture, and the only description of which is that it had "mud walls and a thatched roof." In the preparation of the letter-press one or two trifling errors are observed, but the printed matter is in clear and large type, and is evidently compiled with judgment and good taste. Altogether, it is a book to be commended to the attention and respect of all who take an interest in the history of Boston, and more especially to those who desire to have the dry descriptions of early records enlivened by illustrations, bringing the subjects more prominently before the mental as well as physical vision.

The author acknowledges the assistance of the Hon. Samuel A. Green, ex-Mayor of Boston and librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, John Ward Dean, librarian of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and Judge Chamberlain, librarian of the Public Library. A testimonial letter of the first-named gentleman is appended. The book is in quarto form, with an index both to the reading matter and the illustrations, and is handsomely bound. A few copies have one cover mainly composed of a veneer cut from the Old Elm which formerly stood on Boston Common, and which was destroyed by a gale in February, 1876. It will be found a valuable companion to any of the histories of Boston already published.

By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.

*The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Association. Statement of its Origin and Progress, with Contents of the Journal Published under the Direction of the Council.* Huddersfield: Printed by John Crossley. 1882. 8vo. pp. 24.

*The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Journal. Published under the Direction of the Council of the Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Association.* London: Printed for the Association by Bradbury, Agnew & Co. 1882. Part 27. 8vo. pp. 184. Issued to Members only.

The association which issued the two pamphlets whose titles are given above, was organized in 1863 as the "Huddersfield" Association, its area of operations being limited to that deanery. This area was at different times extended till it comprised the whole county; and at a meeting held at Pontefract Castle, August 31, 1870, under the presidency of Lord Houghton, its name was changed from "Huddersfield" to "Yorkshire."

In 1869 a Journal was commenced, the parts of which have appeared at irregular intervals to the present time. Twenty-seven parts have been issued, forming six complete volumes, with three numbers of a seventh volume. The *Journal* is designed to be "a medium for the collection of facts and documents relating to the History and Antiquities of the County, and to supply for the whole of Yorkshire a great want which had long been felt."

The first article in Part 27 is an instalment of "Paver's Marriage Licenses" from 1567 to 1592. They are extracts from Marriage Licenses, formerly preserved in the Registry of York, made by the late Mr. William Paver, of whom a biographical sketch is printed in the *REGISTER* for January last, page 96. The number also contains other articles of antiquarian interest, among them "Margaret Tudor of York," by Robert Davies, F.S.A.; "Battle of Boroughbridge," by A. D. H. Leadman; "List of Collections on Briefs from High Melton," by F. Royston Fairbank, M.D.; "Civil War Proceedings in Yorkshire," and "Stray Notes on the Churches of St. John and St. Mary, Beverley," by Sir George Tuckett, Bart.; and "Dodworth's Yorkshire Notes," by Alfred S. Ellis.

The fees of the society are half a guinea yearly, or five guineas for life-membership. George W. Tomlinson, F.S.A., The Elms, Huddersfield, is the first Honorary Secretary.

*Sketches of Successful New Hampshire Men, Illustrated with Steel Portraits.* Manchester: John B. Clarke. 1882. 8vo. pp. 315. Price \$5.

The eighty-eight sketches of successful New Hampshire men, with as many steel portraits of the men themselves, make a handsome, readable and inspiring book. They relate the careers of merchants, doctors, lawyers, clergymen and others, who have made themselves known by their labors for men. Among these we find the Rev. A. A. Miner, D.D., the reformer in temperance movements, philanthropist, Christian, orator and scholar; the Hon. William E. Chandler, whose position in the affairs of his state and nation has been prominent; and the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, Ph.D., a man of many honors and every way honorable, the presiding officer for the past fifteen years of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. These sketches are of noble and strong men, and yet we suppose we may only consider them as samples of the many more whom the book does not record. The articles are written by different authors, and may well touch the pride of the natives of the old Granite State.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Weymouth, Mass.*

*Reminiscences and Memorials of Men of the Revolution and their Families.* By A. B. MUZZEY. Boston: Estes & Lauriat. 1883. 8vo. pp. 424. Price \$2.50.

The author of this volume has given to the present generation much that is worth preserving, both in history and genealogy. He tells us of the origin of those families which became prominent during the Revolution, and which produced men who were an honor and credit to their country. Such families as Adams, Brown, Lincoln, Munroe, Parker and Kirkland, are taken at the first comer and brought in many instances to names prominent to-day. He gives a graphic account of the soldiers of the Revolution, especially of the formation of the Society of the Cincinnati by the officers, its favorable record, and those who to-day are the lineal descendants of its founders. His picture of the public men of the revolutionary period is highly colored, and brings back to us our early impressions of those worthies, rather than those since obtained by reading and the conversation of men who have studied that portion of history not usually printed.

Mr. Muzzey gives us recollections of his own townspeople who fought at Lexington, and to one who never saw a revolutionary soldier it seems impossible that to-day one is walking about who had converse with those brave men, and who drew from their own lips the story of their valor. Of later events the author gives us an account of the Anti-Slavery movement, a sketch of Emerson, and other miscellaneous matter. The book is well worth reading, it is clearly printed, and the absence of foot-notes increases the beauty of the page. Of course, as there should be in every historical book, there is an index.

*By Daniel T. V. Huntoon, Esq., of Canton, Mass.*

- A Genealogy of the Folsom Family: John Folsom and his Descendants.* 1615-1882. By JACOB CHAPMAN, A. M. Concord, N. H.: Printed by the Republican Press Association. 1882. Cloth. 8vo. pp. 297. With heliotype Illustrations. To be obtained of the author, Rev. Jacob Chapman, Exeter, N. H. Price \$3.
- Genealogy of the Descendants of Lawrence and Cassandra Southwick, of Salem, Mass.* By JAMES M. CALLER, of Salem, Mass., and Mrs. M. A. OBER, of Sciota, N. Y. Salem, Mass.: J. H. Choate & Co., Printers. 1881. Cloth. 12mo. pp. 609. Illustrated by Portraits on steel and wood.
- A Historical and Genealogical Register of John Wing, of Sandwich, Mass., and his Descendants, 1632-1881.* By CONWAY PHELPS WING, D.D., of Carlisle, Pa. 1881. 8vo. pp. 334.
- Memorials of the Pilgrim Fathers. John Eliot and his Friends of Nazing and Waltham Abbey. From Original Sources.* By W. WINTERS, F. R. Hist. Soc. Published by the Author, Churchyard, Waltham Abbey, Essex. 1882. Paper. 8vo. pp. 80. Price 1s. 6d., post free. To be obtained only by writing direct to the author, Mr. W. Winters, Waltham Abbey, Essex, England.
- Dorothea Scott, otherwise Gotherson and Hogben.* Annotated by G. D. SCULL. Printed for Private Circulation. By Parker & Co. Oxford, 1882. Fop. 4to. pp. 28.
- Early New England People. Some Account of the Ellis, Pemberton, Willard, Prescott, Titcomb, Sewall and Longfellow, and Allied Families.* Boston: W. B. Clarke & Carruth, 340 Washington Street. 1882. Cloth. 8vo. pp. 288. Price \$5.
- The Learned Family (Learned, Larned, Learnard, Larnard and Lerner), being Descendants of William Learned, who was of Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1632.* Compiled by WILLIAM LAW LEARNED, in part from the Papers of the late Joseph Gay Eaton Larned. Albany: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1882. Cloth. 8vo. pp. 346. Price \$3.
- The Direct Ancestry of the late Jacob Wendell, of Portsmouth, N. H., with a Prefatory Sketch of the Early Dutch Settlement of the Province of New Netherland. 1614-1664.* By JAMES RINDGE STANWOOD. Boston: Special Limited Edition. David Clapp & Son. 1882. Cloth. 8vo. pp. 49. With Steel Engravings.
- A Genealogy of the Families bearing the Name Cooke, or Cook. Principally in Massachusetts and Connecticut.* By JAMES COOK. Lowell, Mass.: Vox Populi Press, Huse, Goodwin & Co. 1882. Cloth. 8vo. pp. 36. With heliotype and wood Illustrations.
- Notes on the Descendants of Nicholas Stillwell, the Ancestor of the Stillwell Family in America.* By WILLIAM H. STILLWELL. New York: E. W. Nash, Publisher, 80 Nassau Street. 1883. Paper. 8vo. pp. 62. Portrait of the Author.
- Genealogy of a Part of the Kasson Family in the United States and Ireland.* By GEORGE M. KASSON. Woodbury, Conn.: Arthur E. Knox, Printer. 1882. Cloth. 12mo. pp. 51.
- A Fragment of the Parkhurst Genealogy. Prepared from the Records.* By CHARLES H. PARKHURST. Providence: Printed for Private Distribution. 1883. Paper. 8vo. pp. 19.
- The Bicknells. Proceedings and Addresses at the Second Family Reunion at Weymouth, Mass., September 20 and 21, 1882.* By the Publication Committee for the Family. Boston: New England Publishing Company. 1883. Paper. 8vo. pp. 56.
- Memoir of the Hon. Peter Thatcher, of Cleveland, Ohio.* By SAMUEL BRIGGS, Member of the Western Reserve and Northern Ohio Historical Society of Cleveland. Cleveland: Printed for the Family. 1883. 8vo. pp. 8.
- Paine Family Records.* Edited by HENRY D. PAINE, M.D. 26 West 30th Street, New York City. Vol. II. Nos. 8 and 9. October, 1882, and January, 1883. Published quarterly, \$1 a year.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of genealogical works:

The Folsom family, to which the first book on our list is devoted, has been a distinguished one in New England. Its first ancestor in this country was John Foulsham, one of the company brought to Massachusetts in 1638, by the ship Diligent of Ipswich; and which settled at Hingham. The Rev. Jacob Chapman, of Exeter,

N. H., the author of this book, has been very successful in collecting data concerning the descendants of his immigrant ancestor. His materials have been carefully arranged on the REGISTER plan, and beautifully printed. There is an Introduction by the Rev. Nathaniel S. Folsom, D.D., of Lawrence, Mass., who assisted the author in preparing the article on the Folsoms in the REGISTER, vol. xxx. pp. 207-31. The work is an interesting and valuable one. It is well indexed.

The Southwick family were among the early Friends or Quakers in Massachusetts, and Whittier, by his "Ballad of Cassandra Southwick," has made the name and their sufferings for conscience' sake familiar to our people. The compilers of the volume on this family before us seem to have been very thorough in their researches concerning the descendants of the pair named in the title. They have made a handsome and useful book.

The genealogy and history of the Wing family is one containing much information, and possesses data of interest to those beyond the family name. The Rev. Dr. Wing is a careful historical student, and has rendered excellent service in this and other historical writings.

Mr. Winters, the author of the next work, has spent much time in investigating the history of the settlers of New England who originated in the neighborhood where he resides. In April, 1874, he contributed to the REGISTER (vol. xxviii. 140-5) an article entitled "The Pilgrim Fathers of Nazing," in which he gives new facts which he had discovered concerning the family of the Apostle Eliot and other families from Nazing. In the work before us Mr. Winters has furnished more particulars about these and other New England families, many of which settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts. Other matters of interest will be found in this pamphlet, which was prepared for the Royal Historical Society.

Mr. Scull, the indefatigable antiquary whose researches have so often enriched the pages of the REGISTER, has, in his work on Dorothea Scott, besides giving an account of Mrs. Dorothea (Scott | Gotherson) Hogben, added materially to the record of the Scott family. She and her first husband, Maj. Daniel Gotherson, entrusted money to Col. John Scott, of Long Island, by whom they were defrauded in various ways. The documents relating to these transactions form the basis of this work. They throw new light on portions of our local history. A son of Major and Mrs. Gotherson, Daniel, was brought to America by Col. Scott, and their daughter Dorothea settled in this country, being married to John Davis, of Oyster Bay, N. Y., and Pilesgrove, N. J. Two tabular pedigrees are given, one tracing Mrs. Gotherson's ancestor to William Baliol le Scot, who died about 1313, and the other tracing it to Henry III. of England. She was a minister of the Society of Friends. Mr. Scull has shown great skill in unravelling the mysteries that surrounded portions of his subject.

Miss Titcomb in her book does not attempt to give full genealogies of any of the families, which number twenty-four, but she has gathered many interesting particulars concerning them, and certain lines have been carried out with fulness. A narrative form has been adopted. The work will interest many people in New England and other parts of the country descended from the families whose early history is here recorded.

The Learned genealogy was commenced by the late J. G. E. Larned, of New York city, and has been completed by the Hon. William L. Learned, LL.D., of Albany, Presiding Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, Third Department. The ancestor of this family, William Larned of Charlestown, has been traced to Bermondsey, co. Surrey, now a part of London, England, but the persistent efforts of the late Col. Chester were not able to carry the pedigree farther back. Judge Learned is to be congratulated on producing so interesting a book as that before us.

The Wendell genealogy is based on the two articles which Mr. Stanwood contributed to the REGISTER for July, 1882. He has added to and otherwise improved them, and has given us a book that has an interest not only for the Wendells, but for other descendants of the settlers of New Netherland. It commends itself also to the student of American history by its preliminary account of the settlement of that province, on which the author has bestowed much labor with corresponding results.

The Cooke genealogy gives the descendants of Gregory Cooke, of Watertown, Mass., who died January 1, 1690-1. The author, the Hon. James Cook, of Lowell, designs it for private distribution in the family. The lines traced are full with precise dates.

The emigrant ancestor of the Stillwell family, to which the next work is devoted, settled on Manhattan Island, and afterwards on Staten Island, N. Y., where he died, December 28, 1671. The author, Mr. Stillwell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been

engaged for several years in collecting materials for this work, and with good results. He intends to continue his researches, and print at some time a fuller genealogy.

The Kasson genealogy is traced to Adam and Jane (Hall) Kasson, who are said to have emigrated with nine children, about the year 1723, from Belfast, Ireland, to Boston, Mass., whence they removed to Voluntown, Conn., where they died. The lines of this family seem to be well carried out.

The Parkhurst genealogy is traced to George Parkhurst, of Watertown, of whom some particulars appear in the REGISTER, xxvii. 364-7. He is found at Watertown as early as 1642. The families in this pamphlet are descended from his grandson Ebenezer.

The Bicknell Family Association was formed in 1879, and two reunions have since been held, namely, in 1880 and 1882. The proceedings at the last meeting are printed in the pamphlet before us, including a Historical Address by Thomas W. Bicknell, LL.D., an Address at the Dedication of the Bicknell Family Monument at North Weymouth by Edward Bicknell, A.M., and A Chapter of Family History by Quincy Bicknell.

The Memoir of the Hon. Peter Thatcher is reprinted from the January number of the REGISTER. It contains a brief genealogy.

The numbers of the Paine Family Records before us prove that there is no lack of material in regard to this family. The interest is fully maintained.

The works noticed in this number are arranged on different plans, and most of them fulfil the requirements of such compilations. Where there is a defect it is generally an omission to indicate what persons appear again as the heads of families, and where we are to look for them. Less frequently a reference backwards is omitted. There are so many good plans in print, that a defective plan is inexcusable.

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PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO MAR. 1, 1883.

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Groton in the Witchcraft Times. By Samuel A. Green, M.D. Groton, Mass. 1883. 8vo. pp. 29.

Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science. Herbert B. Adams, Editor. I. Introduction to American Institutional History, written for this series by Edward A. Freeman, D.C.L., LL.D. Published by the Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore. 1882. 8vo. pp. 39. II. The Germanic Origin of New England Towns. Read before the Harvard Historical Society, May 9, 1881. By Herbert B. Adams, Ph.D. With Notes on Cooperation in University Work. Published by the Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore. 1882. 8vo. pp. 57.

Vol. XII. No. 4. Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers. A quarterly Journal devoted to the interests of the national wool industry, founded Nov. 30, 1864. Edited by John L. Hayes, LL.D. Boston Office 95 Milk Street. 1882. 8vo. pp. 492.

Some of the reasons against Woman Suffrage. By Francis Parkman. Printed at the request of an association of women. 8vo. pp. 16.

The Life of the Reverend James Lloyd Breck, D.D., chiefly from letters written by himself. Compiled by Charles Breck, D.D. E. & J. B. Young & Co. Cooper Union. Fourth Avenue, New York. 1883. 8vo. pp. 557.

Report of the Librarian of the State Library for the year ending Sept. 30, 1882, and third annual supplement to the general catalogue. Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., State Printers, 16 Post-office Square. 1883. 8vo. pp. 179.

### II. Other Publications.

Peabody Education Fund. Proceedings of the Trustees at their twenty-first meeting held at New York, October 4, 1882. With the annual report of their general agent, Dr. J. M. Curry. Cambridge: University Press, John Wilson & Son. 1882. 8vo. pp. 58.

Slavery and "Protection." An historical review and appeal to the Workshop and the Farm. By E. J. Donnell. New York: E. J. Donnell, 2 and 4 Stone Street. 1882. 8vo. pp. 69.

Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Yale College, with a statement of the course of instruction in the various departments. 1882. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, Printers. 1882. 8vo. pp. 108.

Transactions of the Anthropological Society of Washington. For the first, second and third years of its organization. Published with the co-operation of the Smithsonian Institution. Vol. I. February 10, 1879, to January 17, 1882. Washington: Printed for the Society. 1882. 8vo. pp. 142.

Our Brethren at Rest. The memorial sermon preached at the two hundredth meeting of the Eastern Convocation in Grace Church, Newton, Mass., October 5th, 1882, by Rev. Edward L. Drown. With historical notes and a sketch of the services of Commemoration. Boston: A. Williams & Co., Old Corner Bookstore. 1882. 8vo. pp. 29.

Memoir of John A. Dahlgren, Rear-Admiral United States Navy. By his widow Madeleine Vinton Dahlgren. With Portraits and Illustrations. Boston: James R. Osgood & Company. 1882. 8vo. pp. 660.

Re-Dedication of the Old State-House, Boston, July 11, 1882. Boston: Printed by order of the City Council. 1882. 8vo. pp. 169.

1781—1881. Addresses delivered at the Centennial Celebration of the Presbytery of Redstone, Uniontown, Penn., September 21st and 22d, 1881. Uniontown: "Republican Standard" Print. 1882. 8vo. pp. 64.

Williams College. Inauguration of President Franklin Carter, July 6, 1881. Printed by order of the Trustees. Williamstown. 1882. 8vo. pp. 46.

Financial connection of the use of spirits and wine with people of Concord, Massachusetts. By Edward Jarvis, M.D., President of the American Statistical Association, read before the Association October 20, 1882. Boston: Beacon Press, Thomas Todd, Printer, corner Beacon and Somerset Streets. 1883. 8vo. pp. 14.

History of the Baptist Church in West Medway, Mass., by Rev. J. E. Burr, and Biographical Sketches of its pastor, by Rev. Lyman Partridge. Read at the fiftieth anniversary of the Church and Re-Dedication of the church edifice, November 15, 1882. Mansfield: Pratt & White, Book and Job Printers. 1883. 8vo. pp. 30.

A sketch of Col. Joseph Jackson, of Rockaway, New Jersey. By a Grandson. Printed for private distribution. Trenton, N. J.: The W. S. Sharp Printing. 1883. 8vo. pp. 20.

Town Papers. Documents relating to towns in New Hampshire. A to F inclusive. With an Appendix. Published by authority of the Legislature of New Hampshire. Volume XI. Compiled and edited by Isaac W. Hammond. Concord, N. H.: Parsons B. Cogswell, State Printer. 1882. 8vo. pp. xxx.+812.

The fifth Report of the Secretary of the Class of 1862, of Harvard College, December, 1882. Printed for the use of the Class. 8vo. pp. 264.

The New Englanders. A Comedy of the Revolution. In three Acts. By E. M. Davison. For private circulation. Collins & Brother, 414 Broadway. 1882. 8vo. pp. 55.

The White Mountain Pilgrimage of Boston Commandery Knights Templar, September 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th, 1882. A souvenir with compliments of the committee of arrangements. 1883. 8vo. pp. 44.

Address delivered by Eminent Sir John L. Stevenson at the celebration of the Eightieth Anniversary of Boston Commandery K. T., March 13, 1882. Published by order of Boston Commandery K. T. 1882. 8vo. pp. 38.

Wayside Gleanings for Leisure Moments. Printed for private distribution. 1882. 8vo. pp. 160.

The Life of Richard Cobden, by John Morley, Barrister at Law, Oxford, Hon. LL.D. Glasgow. London: Chapman & Hull, Limited 11 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden. 1882. Large 8vo. pp. 124.

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Is the Bible an Orthodox Book? A Sermon preached in the Eliot Church, South Natick, Mass., on Sunday, November 19, 1882, by the pastor, Rev. Joseph P. Sheafe. Natick: Citizen Job Print. 1882. 8vo. pp. 18.

Report of the Class of 1867 in Harvard College. Prepared for the twenty-fifth Anniversary of its Graduation. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son. University Press. 1882. 8vo. pp. 258.

Boundary Disputes of Connecticut, by Clarence Winthrop Bowen. Boston: James R. Osgood and Company. 1882. Large 8vo. pp. 90.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Most Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio, at its 73d Annual Grand Communication begun and held at Cleveland, October 17—19 A. L. 5882. Cincinnati: John D. Caldwell. 1882. 8vo. pp. 231.

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*An Index to Periodical Literature.* By WILLIAM FREDERICK POOLE, LL.D., Librarian of the Chicago Public Library. Third Edition, brought down to January, 1882, with the assistance as associate editor of WILLIAM I. FLETCHER, Assistant Librarian of the Watkinson Library, Hartford, Conn., and the co-operation of the American Library Association, and the Library Association of the United Kingdom. [Motto.] Boston: James R. Osgood & Company. 1882. Pp. xxvii. +1442.

The beginning of the present ponderous and notable volume—one of the most important publications of the American press for the year, if not for the past decade—reaches backward thirty-five years; a period when there were fewer reviews and magazines published in America and England than at the present day. Moreover, of the sixty magazines and reviews published in 1848, and which were all that were included in the first edition of this Index, but twenty-four are now published, the remainder having been discontinued from time to time in the past. The little volume of which this royal quarto is the outcome, comprised but 154 pages, and was printed in a small edition under the title, "Index to Subjects treated in the Reviews and other Periodicals." The author, then a student at Yale, and in charge of one of the society libraries, had found the necessity of having an index in manuscript to such magazines and reviews as the library contained, as a help to the students in the preparation of their written exercises and society discussions. This index, when once prepared, was in such constant use in MS., that it was in danger of being annihilated; and was printed in order to save it from being completely worn out. This edition is now so scarce that it is regarded as a literary curiosity. In 1853 the second edition was issued—the references having been brought down to January, 1852—with the more brief and comprehensive title, "Index to Periodical Literature." It was an 8vo. volume of 531 pages—the edition comprising one thousand copies. It indexed the articles in sixty-three different magazines and reviews, but twenty-six of which are now published.

During the period between the year 1852 and the present time there has been a complete change in our literary methods. Not only has the number of magazines and reviews greatly increased, but their individuality and character have steadily improved. The most distinguished authors, the greatest statesmen, the deepest thinkers, the most profound theologians, instead of as formerly publishing a pamphlet or book, now give utterance to the public through a review or magazine—hence the special student of any subject, to become familiar with the best thoughts of the lead-

ing experts must seek their conclusions as published in the several great periodicals. But how can he become acquainted with this wealth of discussion and information; how know where to find what is latest and freshest upon a given topic? The successive volumes of the leading reviews for a period of thirty years, are as a great treasure-house of knowledge, but a labyrinth as well. Who will unlock this store-house, making the information accessible to the student by a complete general index? A gigantic and formidable work surely, but it must be done. From 1853 to the date of the completion of plans for the publishing of a new edition, Mr. Poole says, in his preface, scarcely a day passed that the mail did not bring to him some inquiry in regard to the making of a subsequent edition of the Index, bringing it up to date. But to have undertaken so great a task, individually and alone, with little hope of reasonable compensation, could not have been expected from the most self-sacrificing benefactor of the race of weary students, begging for a let-up from the exacting drudgery of literary labor.

The interest in a new edition of the Index became so great, that at the meeting of the American Library Association at Philadelphia in 1876, Mr. Poole decided to continue the work on the cooperative plan—and that it has been so well accomplished may be regarded as a new evidence of the progressive spirit of the Centennial Era. A committee of this association, consisting of Mr. Justin Winsor of Harvard University, Mr. Charles A. Cutter of the Boston Athenæum, and Mr. William Frederick Poole of the Chicago Public Library—a trio of the most complete bibliographic ability in America—was constituted for consultation on the details for the work. In 1877 Mr. Poole visited England, and the plan of work was submitted by him to the International Conference of Libraries at London, and a committee of British librarians was there appointed to assist in carrying out the plan of the American committee. Thus organized the several librarians entered upon their genuine "labor of love." The chief labor of arranging the references was done by Mr. William I. Fletcher of the Watkinson Library, Hartford, Ct., the assistant editor; "whose rare executive ability, experience and perseverance" were faithfully given to the difficult task, and the performance of whose duties drew from the editor-in-chief a graceful recognition and acknowledgment of his zeal and efficiency in prosecuting the work.

There was the work on fourteen hundred and sixty-eight volumes of reviews in the previous editions of the Index that could go into the new edition unchanged. In addition it was necessary to index four thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven volumes of one hundred and sixty-nine different reviews and magazines. This work was assigned to fifty-one different librarians, all but eight of which were residents of this country, and of this number (forty-four) twenty-one are in New England. The largest number of volumes indexed by one person is eleven hundred and two, which task has been performed by Mr. Poole. Mr. William I. Fletcher has five hundred and sixteen volumes set off against his name. Among the other leading aids, with the number of volumes indexed, are: Mr. Mellen Chamberlain, of the Boston Public Library, four hundred and six; Mr. Justin Winsor, two hundred and eight; Mr. Frederick Saunders, of the Astor Library, one hundred and ninety-nine. The list of co-laborateurs comprises the names of four ladies. It is worthy of honorable mention, that when the general manager of the Adams Express Company became acquainted with the cooperative character of the work, he "claimed the privilege of a contributor," and gave orders that all parcels relating to the same should be transmitted by his company free of expense. In his preface Mr. Poole says: "That fifty libraries, different in organization and objects,—national, state, stock, subscription, college and free public institutions,—scattered over this broad country from San Francisco to Boston, and across the ocean in England and Scotland, should have joined hands and worked in harmony for a common object, each receiving the full benefit of the work of all the others, is an incident in bibliography and literature which has no parallel. . . . All the work has been done voluntarily and without pay. No money subscription has been asked of any one, for no money was needed. . . . Persons who look only to pecuniary reward should never engage in this kind of work."

The result of these gratuitous and self-sacrificing labors is a noble volume of 1449 large quarto, double-column pages, containing more than one hundred and fifty thousand references. As a "tool book," a great labor-saving guide to printed knowledge, this new edition of "Poole's Index" will long remain the librarian's *vade mecum*, the student's guide through the labyrinthine treasures of the great reviews and magazines—treasure houses of facts and information. It unlocks in a

moment the vast array of literature relating to the politics, art, social science, religion, political economy, statistics and literature of the world, as it finds its latest and freshest interpretation in the pages of the current periodicals—a source which all students must acknowledge and make use of, who would thoroughly investigate any question in all these realms of knowledge. To every librarian, to every student wherever the English language is used, the work will long remain a helpful monument of useful, noble, disinterested labor. In every mechanical detail the work is an honor to American book-making, and speaks creditably for all engaged in the many details required to place it before the public in so worthy a form.

Mr. William Frederick Poole, to whom belongs the honor of originating the scheme of which this volume is the perfected outgrowth, was born in Salem, Mass., Dec. 24, 1821, and was graduated at Yale College in 1849. He was librarian of the Boston Mercantile Library, 1852-6; of the Boston Athenæum, 1856-66, of the Cincinnati Public Library, 1869-73, and since 1874 has been librarian of the Chicago Public Library. Aside from his work in the preparation of the three editions of the Index, he has contributed many articles to the *North American Review*, and has also published—*The Battle of the Dictionaries*, 8vo., 1856; *Websterian Orthography*, 1857; *The Orthographical Hobgoblin*, 1859; an edition of Johnson's *Wonder-Working Providence*, 1867; *The Mather Papers*, 1868; *Cotton Mather and Salem Witchcraft*, 1869; an edition of Gov. Hutchinson's *Witchcraft Delusion*; *Catalogue of the Cincinnati Public Library*, 1871; a pamphlet on the *Construction of Library Buildings* (noticed in the *KNOWLEDGE* for January, 1883); an account of the *Witchcraft in Boston*, for the *Memorial History of Boston*, 1881. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him in 1882 by the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill.

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*Members of Parliament, Scotland, including the Minor Barons, the Commissioners for the Shires, and the Commissioners for the Burghs, 1367-1882, on the basis of the Parliamentary Return, 1880, with Genealogical and Biographical notices*; by JOSEPH FOSTER, Author of the *British Peerage*, &c. Second Edition, revised and corrected. Privately printed by Hazell, Watson & Viney, London and Aylesbury. 1882. Royal 8vo. pp. 360.

Joseph Foster's name on a title-page indicates honest research and fearless statement of results; he is a hero in his line; a champion of the courage of his convictions; no gatherer of family traditions, but of historic truth. His ruthless application of the besom of destruction to fabulous fancies, either as to origin of family names, to assumption of titles or of "patched-up pedigrees," has made him the dread of those accustomed to garnish their books with what is pleasant instead of what is true, and at the same time has given satisfaction to hundreds of genealogical and heraldic students who had been disgusted with the trash too often found in books written by men holding such official positions as gave their writings some show of authority.

It is as dangerous for an Englishman to touch Scotch history as for an ordinary mortal to stir up a hornet's nest. This fact Mr. Foster has discovered with a certainty. In his "Peerage" he placed apart under the title of "Chaos" some Scotch genealogies which lack the connected fulness of those approved by the College of Arms in London, and were not satisfactory to Mr. Foster's mind; for this he has been censured in an undignified manner, more to be expected from pettifoggers than government officials. Quotations are torn away from their surrounding sense to convey a different meaning, and words misplaced by the interested reviewers for the sole purpose of appearing to annihilate something which *they say* he said.

The book before us is alphabetically arranged, and is what it pretends to be, a working-tool for the historian, genealogical student and journalist. We have had occasion to test the use of its earlier pages as they had been issued in the "Collectanea Genealogica," for the purpose of answering questions relating to the families of Hay and Douglas, and feel a sense of gratitude to the author for the perfection of arrangement and the valuable notes with which the book is strewn. The limited number of surnames and the well-known fondness of the Scot for ancestral christian names has always made the personal identity of individuals perplexing, because of the constant repetition of nomenclature. In this parliamentary record we find eight persons bearing the name of Archibald Douglas, twelve William; of the Stuarts, twelve Archibald, twelve James, thirteen John, eight Robert, eleven

William; of the Campbells, ten Alexander, eleven James, twenty John. The constant representation by the historic governing families is very noticeable.—the houses of Elliot, Grant, Hope and Anstruther, show an unbroken line through seven generations; the Campbells, Dundas and Erskine of six.

Another cause of confusion has been the changeable territorial designation of the "Districts of Burghs," corresponding somewhat with our congressional districts, but named as our counties are; thus, we find Cupar and St. Andrews in the Perth District from 1707 to 1832, since which time they have been in the District of St. Andrews. The author has given a table of the varying combinations of Districts, which serve to identify individuals personally and by location.

Heroes, statesmen and scholars, by their own personal merit, have won for themselves public regard, and their services are here recognized—Abercromby, Graham and Fraser—Gladstone and Lord Melbourne—Hume and Macaulay, all have represented Scotland in Parliament.

There has been such a paucity of Scottish Genealogy printed, that this book fills a great want; it will have been noticed that it forms only a part of the periodical issue entitled "Collectanea Genealogica," which has among its subscribers the principal public libraries of Old and New England.

Few books of equal value to the whole Collection have ever been published in Great Britain; it is handsomely printed, on beautiful paper which will bear the handling that such a book requires, and it should be upon the shelves of every public library in this country, and such private libraries whose owners have a taste for history.

*By John Coffin Jones Brown, Esq., of Boston.*

*History of Bowdoin College. With Biographical Sketches of its Graduates from 1806 to 1879, inclusive.* By NHEMIAH CLEVELAND, Class of 1813. Edited and Completed by ALPHEUS SPRING PACKARD, Class of 1816. Illustrated. Boston: James Ripley Osgood & Company. 1882. 8vo. pp. 905.

As the oldest college in Maine—its charter dates to June 24, 1794, twenty-six years before Maine became an independent state—Bowdoin College has a history honorable to tell, and it is eminently fitting that this history should come from the pen of one of its own graduates, a gentleman whose relations with the college as tutor and professor extend over a period of more than sixty years, and who at the age of eighty-five is still performing his accustomed duties in the professor's chair. For, although a portion of the history is the work of another hand (Mr. Cleveland having brought the history and sketches of the graduates down to 1837), the bulk of the labor represented in this goodly octavo has been performed by Prof. Packard, with the assistance of Prof. Henry L. Chapman, who has written the sketches of the last ten classes, and who has also prepared the indices.

The plan of the work falls very naturally into three main divisions: the history of the college; the biographies of its officers, presidents and professors; sketches of its graduates. Bowdoin College received its name from Hon. James Bowdoin, who was governor of Massachusetts in 1785, the friend and correspondent of Franklin, and one of the founders and first president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His son, Hon. James Bowdoin (Harvard, 1771), was minister to Spain from 1805 to 1808, and a munificent patron of the college by giving it lands, apparatus and money during his lifetime, and at his decease by making it a residuary legatee by will. It is located in the beautiful village of Brunswick, Maine. There are eight college buildings, two of which, the chapel and Memorial Hall, are of granite, the others of brick. The last named is a memorial of the sons of Bowdoin who fell, or took part personally in the war for the maintenance of the union. The library comprises more than thirty thousand volumes, and is deposited in the rear wing of the chapel. The picture gallery comprises a rare collection of paintings, formerly the property of Mr. James Bowdoin, and has in it, if we may judge from the decisions of experts, a sufficient number of the "old masters" to make the reputation of half a dozen ordinary collections. Among the early trustees were men so distinguished as Samuel Deane, author of the "New England Farmer," the saintly Samuel Freeman, editor of the first edition of the now famous "Smith's Journal;" Justice Samuel Sumner Wilde, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts; Prentiss Mellen, the distinguished senator from Massachusetts in the U. S. Senate, and first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine; Dr. Eliphalet Gillet, for forty years secretary of the Maine Missionary Society; Stephen Longfellow, ancestor of the American poet; John Holmes, the first sena-

tor from Maine, an able statesman; Albion Keith Parris; William Pitt Preble; Judge Nathan Weston; William King, Maine's first governor; Reuel Williams; Rev. Edward Payson, the eminent divine; Judge Ether Shepley; Daniel Goodenow; Robert Halliwell Gardiner and Rev. Asa Cummings. In the Faculty what a long line of eminent names have been associated with it as president or professors: Joseph McKeen; Jesse Appleton, a distinguished divine and scholar; William Allen; Leonard Woods, accomplished as a historian and theologian; Samuel Harris, eminent in New England theological thought and discussion; Joshua L. Chamberlain, scholar and hero; Parker Cleveland, the "father of American Mineralogy;" Thomas C. Upham, a distinguished metaphysician; Roswell D. Hitchcock; George L. Goodale, the eminent botanist; George L. Vose, a distinguished civil engineer; Amos Nourse, M.D., and Alpheus S. Packard.

The first class was graduated in 1806, and this volume records the biographies of nineteen hundred and seventy-nine graduates, bringing the record down to the year 1880. In looking over this list of names, even casually, one will be at once impressed with the large number of names belonging to men who have attained the highest eminence in many fields of labor; and at the same time equally impressed with the large number of those who are now actively engaged in the great business affairs of the day, influencing thought and public opinion in many lines of worthy effort, and winning for themselves honorable names. Look for a moment at the great names high up on the imperishable shield of fame—Henry W. Longfellow, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Franklin Pierce, John A. Andrew, Sargent S. Prentiss—are not these enough to give renown and dignity to any institution of learning in the land? But look again, and see a long line of noble names among the theological teachers and divines of New England and the country, among whom are Stephen and Charles F. Allen, Charles Beecher, George B. Cheever, Cyrus Hamlin, Edward Hawes, John N. McClintock, Calvin E. Stowe and Henry B. Smith. Of authors, are Jacob and John S. C. Abbott, Benjamin B. Thatcher, Elijah Kellogg and John H. Sheppard. Of the distinguished physicians we only need name Fordyce Barker, D. Humphreys Storer and Luther V. Bell; of statesmen, George Evans, George P. Hale, Alpheus Felch and William Pitt Fessenden; of educators, William H. Allen, Warren Johnson and Merritt O. Fernald; of journalists, Edward Stanwood and Frank L. Dingley. Other noted names appear, and it seems an unjust discrimination to mention these and omit scores and scores of others just as much deserving of mention—but the above occurred to us in turning over the leaves of this fascinating volume, and we could do no less than mention them.

A record of the patriotic services of the sons of Bowdoin during the great rebellion has already received ample treatment.\* Bowdoin sent into the service of the country two hundred and fifty—the classes of 1856 and '57 sending one third of their number; those of '58, '59 and '63 nearly one third each; '61 nearly one half, and '60 and '62 more than one half. Not to mention privates, this college had in the active service of the army two major generals; two major generals by brevet; one brigadier general; six brigadier generals by brevet; four brigade surgeons; thirteen surgeons; eleven assistant surgeons; ten chaplains; two paymasters; nine colonels; one colonel by brevet; twelve lieutenant colonels; one lieutenant colonel by brevet; eighteen majors; two majors by brevet; fifty-five captains; thirty first lieutenants and thirteen second lieutenants. No name in this gallant list can be placed before that of Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, but close to it must come that of Maj. Gen. J. L. Chamberlain, and following that those of Gen. Francis Fessenden, Gen. J. P. Cilley, Col. Thomas W. Hyde and Col. Charles P. Mattocks.

This volume is finely printed and embellished by fifty full-page portraits and a heliotype plate of the college buildings. Most of the portraits have already appeared in other volumes, but they are none the less attractive to this; though of some, notably that of William Pitt Fessenden, facing page 263, we could have wished substituted for the more recent plate, which is found in the REGISTER, April, 1871 (vol. xxv. p. 105).

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\* J. H. Thompson in *Hours at Home*, vol. iii. p. 463.

*Voyages of Samuel de Champlain.* Translated from the French by CHARLES POMEROY OTIS, Ph.D. With Historical Illustrations and a Memoir, by the Rev. EDMUND F. SLAFTER, A.M. Vol. III. 1611-18. Heliotype copies of Ten Maps and Illustrations. Boston: Published by the Prince Society. 1892. Fcp. 4to. pp. vi.+240.

The present volume, which is the twelfth of the Publications of the Prince Society, completes the *Voyages of Champlain*, translated by Prof. Otis and edited and annotated by the Rev. Mr. Slafter.

The whole work includes the voyages issued in 1604, 1613 and 1619, and covers fifteen years of Champlain's residence and explorations in New France. The following from Mr. Slafter's preface conveys a clear idea of the comprehension of the work:

"At a later period, in 1632, Champlain published, in a single volume, an abridgement of the issues above mentioned, containing likewise a continuation of his journal down to 1631. This continuation covers thirteen additional years. But it is to be observed that the events recorded in the journal of these later years are immediately connected with the progress and local interests of the French colony at Quebec. This last work of the great explorer is of primary importance and value as constituting original material for the early history of Canada, and a translation of it into English would doubtless be highly appreciated by the local historian. A complete narrative of these events, however, together with a large amount of interesting matter relating to the career of Champlain derived from other sources, is given in the memoir contained in the first volume of this work.

"This English translation contains not only the complete narratives of the personal explorations made by Champlain into the then unbroken forests of America, but the whole of his minute, ample and invaluable descriptions of the character and habits, mental, moral and physical, of the various savage tribes with which he came in contact. It will furnish, therefore, to the student of history and the student of ethnology most valuable information, unsurpassed in richness and extent, and which cannot be obtained from any other source."

We may add here that in these three volumes are contained all the maps and illustrations in Champlain's complete works.

It is surprising that a work of the importance and value of these *Voyages* should not have appeared in an English dress till more than two centuries and a half after its publication. The consequence has been that before the appearance of this annotated translation few English readers had the faintest idea of what Champlain did for the geography and history of New England, Canada and Northern New York.

The two preceding volumes have been so fully noticed in the REGISTER in a communication by Gov. Bell, of New Hampshire, in April, 1879, and an editorial notice in October, 1881, that nothing need be said here of the merits of the work, except to reiterate what we have already said as to the great value of this contribution to our history, and to add that historical students are placed under very great obligations to the learned translator for the accuracy, skill and good taste with which he has performed his difficult task, and to the accomplished editor for the richness, pertinency and exhaustive character of his annotations.

*Records of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Worcester, Massachusetts, from 1731 to 1737.* Edited by FRANKLIN P. RICE. Worcester, Mass.: The Worcester Society of Antiquity. 1833. 8vo. pp. 197.

This volume forms the eighteenth number of the publications of the Worcester Society of Antiquity. The Society has already made itself known not only in Worcester County but elsewhere, by the substantial value of its publications. Prominent among its objects has been the reproduction of some of the valuable records relating to the early history of Worcester and vicinity, that they might be put into a form more accessible to those now interested, and be preserved for future generations, and in this effort the society has been very successful, something over 1300 pages of town and county records having already been issued.

All of the former numbers afford evidence of intelligent selection of material and careful preparation, and the present number is fully up to the standard in interest and value. As the Court of Sessions had jurisdiction over both civil and criminal actions, these records include a great variety of material which the antiquary will examine with pleasure, and from which the genealogist and historian can glean many items of importance.

The records are not without interest also to the general reader, covering as they do "an important and interesting part of the early history of the County, and illustrating in a degree the manners and morals of the people of that time." The prosecution of persons for unnecessary travelling on the Lord's day, for neglect of public worship, and for "profane cursing and swearing," appears to have often occupied the attention of the court, resulting almost invariably in a bill of costs to the defendant, whether pleading guilty or not to the indictment. Presentments were made against the towns for a variety of offences, such as for neglect of their bridges and roads, for not furnishing "a reading and writing master," &c. &c. There are also given in this volume lists of jurors, names of persons "warned" from the several towns, besides other matter usually found in court records.

The introduction by Mr. Rice gives a brief sketch of the origin of the judicial system of Massachusetts, and the various changes in the methods of administration of justice, which, with the explanatory notes and a full index, add to the value of the publication. It is hoped that this attractive volume may be followed by others, and prove an incentive to the printing of the records of other Counties, some of which possess rare interest.

By Francis E. Blake, Esq., of Boston.

*The Boundary Disputes of Connecticut.* By CLARENCE WINTHROP BOWEN. Boston: James R. Osgood and Company. 1882. Quarto, pp. 90. Price \$5.

For nearly two hundred and fifty years, that is from about 1630 to 1880, some question concerning one or another of the boundary lines of Connecticut had been in dispute. The first controversy arose with the Dutch on the west and south, and it is noticeable that the last boundary settlement, consummated in 1880-1, was with the state of New York, the political successor of the Dutch power in America.

The disputes with Massachusetts and Rhode Island were of long duration, leading, after tedious wranglings, to settlements that refused to be settled, until the respective parties finally reached that state of moderation, or of weariness, when they were ready to make such concessions and compromises as were mutually satisfactory. The line between Rhode Island and Connecticut was definitely fixed in 1729, though it was straightened in some of its parts as late as 1840. The line between Massachusetts and Connecticut was not fully settled until 1826. Bearing these facts in mind, the reader will appreciate the aptness of the poetical quotation which the author has placed on the title-page:

*Sunt certi denique fines,  
Quos ultra citraque nequæ consistere rectum.*

The account of these controversies fills no inconsiderable portion of the histories of the Colonies and States concerned; but the reader will gain but a dim idea of the tenacity, skilful diplomacy and intense zeal, sometimes heated to passion—real or simulated—which characterized some of these controversies, unless he searches for the dreary details in the voluminous records and files of the respective States. The author thinks it a source of congratulation that, after so much vexation, Connecticut possesses all the territory she now has. But a wholly disinterested looker-on may be justified, perhaps, in thinking that she has quite as much as she could at any time have rightfully claimed. Her success in this regard is due to one of her "steady habits"—her persistency in asserting her claims without bluster, and in employing the shrewdest men in her public service in times of exigency.

The general, no less than the special, student of the history of New England will have reason to thank the author for putting this part of it into a concise and connected shape, omitting nothing essential to a full understanding of the points so long in dispute, the processes of negotiation, and the results at last reached, and referring the student to the principal authorities for more detailed information. The narrative will deepen the impression, which every reader of our early annals must have received already, that nothing, perhaps, in the colonial history of Great Britain is more remarkable than the vicious practice of making grants of territory in the New World with vaguely-stated and overlapping boundary lines. It was a prolific source of contention and ill-feeling for many generations.

So far as we have had time to verify the author's statements, we find them, as a general thing, quite accurate. We notice one statement, however, which is sufficiently incomplete to mislead the reader. The names of the Connecticut Commissioners, appointed in 1713, to act jointly with commissioners on the part of Massachusetts, are given (p. 56), but the names of the Massachusetts Commissioners—Samuel Partridge, John Fynchon and William Dudley—are omitted. The survey-



ors named in the text were not "appointed" by Connecticut, but by Massachusetts; and the commissioners did *not* make "their report July 13, 1713." They signed an agreement on that day under which the line was run and other proceedings had, but they made their report at a later day.

The narrative is richly illustrated with heliotype copies of maps and surveys, and with a new map of Connecticut, here first published. A fine likeness of John Winthrop, Jr., fitly prefaces this valuable and handsomely printed volume.

*By Albert H. Hoyt, A.M., of Boston.*

*Libraries and Readers.* By WILLIAM E. FOSTER, Librarian of the Providence Public Library. New York: F. Leypoldt, Publisher, 1883. 18mo. pp. 136. With Index.

This little book is of vastly more importance than its diminutive size would seem to indicate. Strange as it may appear to many superficial people, the art of selecting proper books and proper subjects in the newspapers for reading—if such an art of judgment may be called an art—has by no means reached its highest development with the general public. How many are there, for instance, who can read even an ordinary newspaper properly? How many are there, even among the respectable classes, who will dismiss with a casual glance of half contempt at the head-lines the more important subjects conveying valuable information or furnishing food for mental or moral training or matter for reflection, and yet devour with avidity the scandals, the murder accounts, the sensational or frivolous items which go to make up a large portion of the average newspaper of the day? How many of the cheaper order of papers thrive on this morbid appetite of their patrons, and ridicule their more judicious and dignified cotemporaries, who refuse to furnish this sort of mental pabulum in all its disgusting details? And finally, when we consider the vast amount of useful, instructive and properly entertaining literature which the centuries have accumulated in our own language alone, and always accessible to the reading public, yet remaining unsought for and unnoticed, and reflect how many thousands of hours, of thousands of lives, have been absolutely wasted in thoughtless reading, it may well "give us pause." If these questions could be correctly answered, many intelligent readers would be somewhat startled, I fancy, and urge the necessity of a guide that should lift the general reading public to a higher plane of good taste in the choice of reading matter.

It is the aim of this little volume to furnish such a guide. It should be in the hands of every one who reads. It is full of thoughtful suggestions and valuable hints as to the modes, methods and selections for the government of the untrained reader. It is divided into eight chapters, each having its own significance and importance, and is the result of a series of lectures, papers, addresses and literary articles produced by the author on various occasions; and although, as he says, the subject may not be exhaustively treated, it is not too much to say that no abler or more skilfully written treatise on the use of books is now before the public. Yet the author in his remarkably modest preface denies its being a treatise, and disavows all claim of being an author or a lecturer. All who read this book will not have much difficulty in reversing his opinion. The work is excellently printed and bound in an attractive form.

*By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.*

*The New English Canaan of Thomas Morton. With Introductory Matter and Notes.* By CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, JR. Boston: Prince Society. 1883. Fcp. 4to. pp. vi.+381.

Students of our early history owe a debt of gratitude to the Prince Society for this handsome edition of the *New English Canaan*. Thomas Morton was a worthless but interesting character, and his book is both curious and valuable. It is in its way unique. Apart from its historical importance as an original authority, it stands alone as the one piece of fun and coarse humor produced at the period of the settlement of New England. It is the solitary grin which appears on the dark and solemn face of early New England literature. The first two "Bookes," treating respectively of the Indians and of the physical features of the country, have an interest despite the inaccuracy due to the easy carelessness of the observer, which must always attach to every contemporary description of a populous country in the days when it was still an untrodden wilderness. The third "Booke" is purely historical, and is the most important of all, giving as it does, in a style of clumsy burlesque, an outside and hostile view of the vigorous Puritan Englishmen who

founded the New England commonwealths and had the forethought to carefully write their own history, a precaution which their opponents did not take so thoroughly.

The strictly editorial work accompanying the text is in every way of the best. Mr. Adams, not content with his own extensive knowledge of the period and the subject, has called in the assistance of distinguished specialists for the elucidation of Morton's rambling statements about man and nature. The result is of great interest, and increases ten fold the historical value of the book, giving a meaning and importance to much that would otherwise be little more than confused and incoherent description.

The most interesting portion of the volume, however, by far, is the introductory sketch of Morton. Mr. Adams has already treated this subject in the *Atlantic Monthly*, but the present prefatory memoir is equally skillful and attractive. Mr. Adams has succeeded in making this little biography as interesting and entertaining as a brief novel. Thomas Morton is no longer a mere name, which for a short period runs athwart the course of New England history, but a distinct and vivid personality. Mr. Adams's picturesque disposition of his material has converted his good-for-nothing hero into a living character which we learn to know and understand perfectly. Morton now finds his place in a well defined class. He belonged to the order of adventurers of the Elizabethan and Jacobean period, a very remarkable body which was rendered illustrious by the names of brilliant leaders like Raleigh, Hawkins, Drake, Grenville and John Smith, and which included also a vast number of daring spirits of like temper, slighter ability, and varying degrees of worthlessness. Among that list can now be placed Thomas Morton, who it must be confessed comes very low down in the hierarchy.

Mr. Adams, however, has done much more than merely draw an interesting picture of a seventeenth-century adventurer. In this paper and in the admirable monographs on Sir Christopher Gardiner and the early settlers of Boston harbor, he has shown that these scattered individuals and solitary planters who stand out so strongly against the gloomy background of the Puritan settlements to which they were utterly alien, are not sporadic accidents, but are all connected, and are the historical marks upon the New England shore of a great social and political movement. Wollaston and Weymouth, Morton, Gardiner, Blackstone and the rest, together with their patron and chief Sir Ferdinando Gorges, represented the court and royalty, the church and the cavalier, as opposed to the Puritans and the "Country party." They went down so helplessly before the onset of the great religious and political movement which took possession of New England, that men forgot that a different element had ever sought to capture that portion of the new world, and these waifs and strays, stranded here and there on our rugged coast, came to be regarded as mere accidents, and passed in a great manner from the hands of the historian into those of the poet and novelist. Mr. Adams has brought these scattered links together, and has given them coherence and a deep significance. It is to be hoped that he will some day collect these various papers into a volume, for if the particular subjects are small, they are parts of a great whole, the results of a great force, and they represented in their day strange possibilities which have been too much forgotten and overlooked. Mr. Adams has not only given these incidents and figures in our early history their true historical value by thorough research and scientific treatment, but he has done this without destroying the pleasant tinge of romance which has gathered about them.

By Henry Cabot Lodge, Ph.D., of Nahant, Mass.

*Constitution, By-Laws and List of Members of the Georgia Historical Society.*  
Savannah, Ga.: Morning News Steam Printing House. 1883. 8vo. pp. 32.

The Georgia Historical Society is nearly half a century old, having been organized June 4, 1839, and incorporated on the 19th of December, following. The Hon. John McPherson Berrien, who had been a member of Gen. Jackson's cabinet, was the first president, and the present Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. Dr. William Bacon Stevens, then a resident of Georgia, was the first recording secretary. Other eminent men were among its founders, and still others have held office and membership in it. Four volumes of "Collections," filled with valuable matter, have been issued, the first in 1840, and the fourth in 1878 (see REGISTER, xxxii. 360).

*The Magazine of American History, Illustrated.* Edited by Mrs. MARTHA J. LAMB. Historical Publication Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. Sm. 4to. Published monthly. Pp. 96 a number. Price \$5 a year.

The Magazine of American History, under the editorship of its founder, John Austin Stevens, Esq., and his successor, the Rev. B. F. De Costa, D.D., has won a high rank among American periodicals, and has frequently been commended in the REGISTER. With the May number of the current year a change of editorship took place, Mrs. Martha J. Lamb succeeding to the charge of the magazine. Mrs. Lamb is the author of the History of New York and other works which have been highly commended by the press. The two numbers before us, edited by her—those for May and June—contain many articles by writers of note illustrating the history of our country, besides original documents, notes and queries, proceedings of societies and book notices.

*Answers to Inquiries about the U. S. Bureau of Education, its Work and History; Prepared under the Direction of the Commissioner.* By CHARLES WARREN, M.D. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1883. 8vo. pp. 29.

*Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education.* No. 1. 1883. Legal Provisions respecting the Examination and Licensing of Teachers. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1883. 8vo. pp. 46.

We have before us the two last publications of the Bureau of Education. The first pamphlet shows clearly the necessity of a national board of education, its methods of work, and what it has done during the sixteen years of its existence. A complete list of its publications is given, from which may be seen the variety of information useful to educators, which has been furnished through its agency. The second pamphlet contains a synopsis of the legal provisions relative to examining and licensing teachers in the various states of the union.

*History of Bradford, Mass., from the Earliest Period to the close of 1820.* By GARDNER B. PERRY, A.M. (as contained in his Historical Sermon delivered Dec. 20, 1820). Haverhill, Mass.: C. C. Morse & Son, Book and Job Printers. 1883. 8vo. pp. 69. For sale by Cupples, Upham & Co., 283 Washington Street. Half cloth. Price \$1.50.

In 1831, the late Rev. Dr. Perry's "Discourse delivered at East Bradford, Dec. 20, 1820, containing a History of the Town," was published at Haverhill in an octavo of 72 pages. It is now reprinted in that city in a handsome manner under the above title.

Bradford is an offshoot from Rowley, and the precise date of its incorporation is not known. Its first records begin February 20, 1668, but the name of Bradford, as a town, does not appear on the records of the General Court of Massachusetts till the October session of 1675. Considering that this book was written sixty-two years ago, it is remarkably complete in its details, and the publishers have done well to reproduce it.

*The North West Review. A Biographical and Historical Monthly.* Vol. I. No. 1. March, 1883. The Review Company, Minneapolis, Minn. 8vo. pp. 64. Subscription price, \$3 a year. Single numbers, 35 cts.

This new periodical, devoted to the biography and history of the North West, should meet with a warm welcome, not only in the north-western states but in all parts of our country. The editorial staff consists of five writers of ability, representing five different states and territories, namely, the Rev. Edward D. Neill, editor in chief, of St. Paul, Minn., the Rev. G. F. Magoun, D.D., of Grinnell, Iowa, the Rev. Joseph Ward, D.D., of Yankton, Dakota, O. W. Butterfield of Madison, Wisconsin, and J. D. O'Connor of Chicago, Ill. The Rev. Mr. Neill, who has charge of the magazine, is one of the most indefatigable investigators of American history, in which he has made important discoveries, some of which have been presented to the public through the pages of the REGISTER.

The number before us contains biographical articles on Lucius F. Hubbard, Dwight M. Sabin, Alexander H. Stephens, Cadwallader C. Washburn, Shelby M. Cullom, William A. Howard, Shadrack Bond and James W. Grimes; historical articles on The Dells of Wisconsin and Early Illinois; and seventeen pages of matter on "Current Topics."

*In Memory. The Last Sickness, Death and Funeral Obsequies of Alexander H. Stephens, Governor of Georgia.* By I. W. AVERY. Atlanta, Ga.: V. P. Sisson, Publisher. 1883. 8vo. pp. 84.

Alexander H. Stephens has for over a quarter of a century held a prominent place among the statesmen of our country. These tributes paid to his memory in his native state, of which he was governor at the time of his decease, show the respect in which he was held by all parties.

*Memoir of the Hon. Henry C. Murphy, LL.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.* By HENRY R. STILES, M.D. New York: Trow's Printing and Bookbinding Co. 1883. 8vo. pp. 22.

Mr. Murphy was one of the most learned and conscientious historical writers of our day, and his publications have done much to elucidate the history of our country. A sketch was printed in the April number of the REGISTER, p. 213. Dr. Stiles has long been intimately acquainted with Mr. Murphy, and twenty years ago they worked together in organizing the Long Island Historical Society. The memoir is full in details and very interesting. It is reprinted from the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.

*Mysterious Disappearances and Presumptions of Death in Insurance Cases. Two Papers read before the Medico-Legal Society.* By WILLIAM G. DAVIES, A.M., of the New York Bar. New York: L. W. Lawrence, 89 Liberty Street. 1883. 8vo. pp. 31.

These two papers were read before the Medico-Legal Society March 1, and 7, 1883. In them Mr. Davies has thoroughly investigated the subject of presumptions of death in cases of mysterious disappearance, and has shown that Life Insurance offices are warranted in using extreme caution before paying such claims. Numerous cases and instances are cited. The pamphlet contains much that is of value to those who have or intend to have their lives insured, and of interest to all.

*Portraits of Columbus. A Monograph.* By JAMES D. BUTLER, LL.D. Madison, Wis. 1883. 8vo. pp. 23.

The Historical Society of Wisconsin having recently had presented to them a copy of the Yanez portrait of Columbus in the Spanish National Library, Prof. Butler was induced to write a monograph giving a list of the principal portraits of Columbus in existence, with descriptive and critical comments. He comes to the conclusion that the portrait in the Florentine gallery, of which Jefferson about 1784 had a copy made, now in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society, has the best claims to be a true likeness. The Yanez portrait closely resembles that in the Florentine library. Prof. Butler has done a good work in writing this monograph, which contains new information upon a subject that has an interest for every American.

*Proceedings of the Bostonian Society at the Annual Meeting, January 9, 1883.* Boston: Old State House. Printed by Order of the Society. 1883. 8vo. pp. 27.

The pamphlet before us contains the address of Curtis Guild, the president, the first annual report of the directors by Thomas Minns, the treasurer's report, a paper of Thomas C. Amory on an attempt to preserve the Hancock House in 1863, and other proceedings at the second annual meeting of the Bostonian Society. It also contains the by-laws and a list of officers and members. It is handsomely printed and embellished with a view of the restored "Old State House," the historic halls of which are now in the custody of this society. (See REGISTER, xxxvi. 423.) Considering that it is only four years this spring since the first action was taken towards forming the Boston Antiquarian Club, the predecessor of this society, and but a year and a half since the present organization was perfected, the society may well be proud of what it has done "to promote the study of the history of Boston and the preservation of its antiquities."

*Bibliography of the American Antiquarian Society.* Compiled by NATHANIEL PAINE. Worcester, Mass., U.S.A. Press of Charles Hamilton. 1883. 8vo. pp. 26.

The publications of the American Antiquarian Society may be divided into four classes: 1. Collections; 2. Proceedings; 3. Catalogue of the Library; 4. Reprints. Of the first, entitled "Archæologia Americana, Transactions and Collections of the American Antiquarian Society," six volumes have been published, the first in

1820 and the last in 1874. Of the "Proceedings," eighty-nine numbers have appeared. The catalogue was published in 1837. Of the reprints, over seventy titles are given. We have in this pamphlet a complete bibliography of the society, and Mr. Paine deserves much credit for the laborious work which he has done.

*Parish Registers in England: Their History and Contents. With Suggestions for Securing their better Custody and Preservation.* Attempted by ROBERT EDMOND CHESTER WATERS, B.A. A New Edition. Rewritten throughout and Enlarged. Printed for the Author. London: Fred. J. Roberts, 19 Little Britain, E. C. 1883. 12mo. pp. xvi. + 106. Cloth. Price 2s. 6d., or post free 2s. 9d. Address the author, 57 The Grove, Hammersmith, London, W. England.

Much curious and useful information will be found in these pages. This essay was originally written as a magazine article, and was published in the *Home and Foreign Review* for February, 1863. In 1870 it was reprinted with additions; but the work having been long out of print and much sought for, this new edition, rewritten and much enlarged, has been prepared and published. The low price at which it is sold ought to ensure a large sale.

Mr. Waters is the author of "Genealogical Memoirs of the Chesters of Chicheley," and other family histories, and the thoroughness which characterizes them is the more praiseworthy as the author has long been a hopeless invalid.

*The Woodbridge Record, being an Account of the Descendants of the Rev. John Woodbridge of Newbury, Mass.* Compiled from the Papers left by the late LOUIS MITCHELL, Esquire. Privately printed at New Haven, 1883. Royal 4to. pp. 272. Edition 200 copies. A small remainder, after presentations to friends of the late Louis Mitchell and to public libraries, will be sold at \$10 in vellum, or \$8 in paper or sheets.

*The Humphreys Family in America.* By FREDERICK HUMPHREYS, M.D. Assisted by OTIS M. HUMPHREYS, M.D., HENRY R. STILES, M.D., Mrs. SARAH M. CHURCHILL. New York: Humphreys Print. 1883. Royal 4to. Part I. pp. 10 + 92. Price \$3 a part, or \$10 for the complete work.

*The Family of De Braose, 1066—1326.* By DUDLEY GEORGE CARY ELWES, F.S.A. Exeter: William Pollard, Printer, North Street. 1883. 8vo. pp. 57.

*George Hayes of Windsor and His Descendants.* By the Rev. CHARLES WELLES HAYES, M.A. Part I. Four Generations. Buffalo, N. Y.: Baker, Jones & Co., Printers and Binders. 1883. 8vo. pp. 84.

*Some Account of the Early Generations of the Winthrop Family in Ireland.* Privately Printed for Correction and Addition. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1883. 8vo. pp. 24. Only 33 copies printed.

*Genealogical Notes of New York and New England Families.* Compiled by S. V. TALCOTT. Albany: Weed, Parsons and Company. 1883. 8vo. pp. xii. + 747. Index, pp. xxxix.

*Genealogy of the Descendants of Jasper Griffing.* Compiled by CLARA J. STONE. 1881. Royal 8vo. pp. 194. Price \$5.

*Two Hundred and Fifty Years of the Wadsworth Family in America.* By HORACE ANDREW WADSWORTH. Lawrence: Printed at the Eagle Steam Job Printing Rooms. 1883. 8vo. pp. 257.

*The Weitzel Memorial. Historical and Genealogical Register of the Descendants of Paul Weitzel of Lancaster, Pa., 1740. Including Sketches of the Families of Allen, Byers, Bailey, Crawford, Davis, Hayden, M'Cormick, Stone, White and others.* By Rev. HORACE EDWIN HAYDEN. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 1883. 8vo. pp. 81. Price \$1.50.

*Memoir of Thaddeus William Harris, M.D.* By EDWARD D. HARRIS. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1882. 8vo. pp. 14.

*Notes on the Townsend Family.* Compiled by HENRY F. WATERS. Salem: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1883. 8vo. pp. 43.

*Some Notices of the Fynnimore, Phillmore, Fynmore, Fillmore, Filmer, and their Allied Surnames.* By WILLIAM P. W. PHILLIMORE, M.A., B.C.L. Stroud: Printed by John White, Bookseller, George Street. 1883. Mr. Phillimore's address is 28 Budge Row, London, E. C. England.

*The Ancient Proprietors of Jones's Hill, Dorchester, including Brief Sketches of the Jones, Stoughton, Tailer, Wiswall, Moseley, Capen and Holden Families, the Location and Boundaries of their Estates, &c.* Compiled by DAVID CLAPP. Boston: Printed for Private Distribution. 1883. 8vo. pp. vi. + 68.

*Denison Memorial: Ipswich, Mass., September 20, 1882. Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Death of Major-General Daniel Denison.* Biographical Sketch by Prof. D. D. SLADE. Historical Sketch by AUGUSTINE CALDWELL. Printed at the Request of the Denison Memorial Committee. 8vo. pp. 52. Ipswich, Mass. 1883.

*The Coggeshall Coat-of-Arms.* Broadside, 12½ by 19 inches. Accompanied by 3 photographs of arms, 11 by 14 in.

*Early New England People. Some Account of the Ellis, Pemberton, Willard, Prescott, Titcomb, Sewall and Longfellow, and Allied Families.* By SARAH ELIZABETH TITCOMB. Boston: W. B. Clarke & Carruth, 340 Washington Street. 1882. Cloth. 8vo. pp. 288. Price \$4.

We continue our quarterly notices of recent genealogical publications.

The elegant quarto whose title heads the list "has been edited and is now privately printed by his surviving brothers Donald Grant and Alfred Mitchell," "in memory of the late Louis Mitchell, Esq., who spent the last three years of his life upon its records." The Woodbridge family is one of the most distinguished in this country, but its genealogy has never before been fully published. A sketch by Miss Talcott of Hartford, Ct., giving the early generations, was printed in the REGISTER for July, 1878, and reprinted as a pamphlet. The present work is a worthy memorial of the family. Much conscientious labor has been given to it, and the reputation as an author of the principal editor is assurance that the editorial work is well done, while the fine paper, wide margins and rubricated pages speak themselves in praise of the printer. A portrait of Louis Mitchell and several tabular pedigrees illustrate the work. One table gives the ancestors of the late Mr. Mitchell and his brothers, showing that they are descended from Elder William Brewster, Rev. Nathaniel Ward, author of the Simple Cobbler of Aggawam, Sir Richard Saltonstall, Lion Gardiner, Gov. William Leete, Gov. Thomas Dudley, and other early settlers of New England.

The Humphreys genealogy, of which the first part is before us, promises to be a thorough and valuable work. This part is devoted to the "Transatlantic Families." It contains many pedigrees and much genealogical matter concerning the Old World families of Humphreys. It is embellished with a portrait of Ozias Humphreys, an eminent English artist of the last century, and with numerous engraved coats-of-arms. The succeeding parts will contain American families.

The Braose family is, in the next work, traced back to the Conquest. Mr. Elwes has been for many years collecting materials relating to this family, and has succeeded in gleaning from records and documents a mass of material relating to it. Only the early portion is given in this work, but the author gives encouragement that at a future time he may continue the work.

The Hayes genealogy is by the author of the article in the REGISTER for last October. The first part of the larger work on which he was then and for several years had been engaged, is now issued, and does credit to his research and critical skill as an author. The later parts of this work will be looked for with interest. From this family ex-President Hayes is descended.

The account of the Winthrop family in Ireland is by Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., of Boston, author of an account of the Winthrop family, privately printed in 1874. Previous to Mr. Winthrop's researches, very little was known about the branch of this family that settled in Ireland; but his investigations have resulted in his obtaining a remarkably full account of them. There are one or two doubts yet to be solved, but we are confident that Mr. Winthrop's persistency will solve them. An Appendix is devoted to the origin and history of the name in England.

Mr. Talcott has for nearly half a century been a collector of genealogical facts concerning his own and other families. In 1876 he published a work of much research on the Talcotts (REG. xxxi. 237), and now he has brought out a thick volume filled with more or less full genealogies of over fifty Dutch and English families, comprising some of the most prominent families in the country. The work is fully indexed. One may judge of the labor in this book from the fact that there are over ten thousand names in the index. It contains no doubt many facts, derived from persons since dead, which a genealogist of the present day could not procure.

The Griffing genealogy is a posthumous work. When the book was nearly ready for the press, Miss Stone was stricken with disease, and died after an illness of four days, March 25, 1880. The book has been completed and printed at the expense of Mrs. H. D. Cone, of Stockbridge, Mass. Jasper Griffing, the ancestor of this family, was a native of Wales, born about 1648, who came to New England and finally settled in Southold, Long Island. The book shows conscientious research, is handsomely printed and well indexed.

The Wadsworth book, besides a genealogical register, contains an account of the family reunion at Duxbury, Mass., September 13, 1882. The Wadsworth family in this country has furnished many men of note, among them the grandfather of the poet Longfellow. The book contains much valuable information for persons of the name. It is well arranged, handsomely printed and illustrated by numerous portraits. Mr. Wadsworth is the author of a "Quarter Centennial History of Lawrence."

The Rev. Mr. Hayden, the author of the next work, has published various historical and biographical works of merit. The present work first appeared in 1881, in the "Notes and Queries," edited by Dr. William H. Egle, and printed in the *Harrisburg Daily Telegraph* (No. xxxiv. 201). Mr. Hayden has revised and enlarged his work, and printed it in the handsome pamphlet before us, which shows careful research. It is well indexed.

Dr. Harris, whose memoir is before us, and his son, the writer of the memoir, have both contributed valuable articles to the REGISTER. Dr. Harris was for twenty years librarian of Harvard University, besides which he gained high rank as a naturalist, his best known work being one on "Insects Injurious to Vegetation," written for the state of Massachusetts. The memoir is reprinted from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. It contains two tabular pedigrees, one giving the paternal and the other the maternal ancestry of Dr. Harris.

Mr. Waters's pamphlet on the Townsend Family is principally devoted to the descendants of William Townsend, an early settler of Boston. Appended is a sketch of the family of Thomas Townsend of Lynn, giving some lines not contained in the work of Mr. Townshend of New Haven (REGISTER, xxxvii. 111). Other matters concerning the name are here given. Mr. Waters needs no praise from our pen.

Mr. Phillimore, the author of the next pamphlet, has contributed to the present number of the REGISTER an article on the English Garfields, which will interest our readers as indicating the possible ancestry of the lamented President Garfield. The present work relates to English families, from one of which another president of the United States, the Hon. Millard Fillmore, was probably descended.

Mr. Clapp's work is a contribution both to genealogy and local history. It is an enlargement of a series of articles published by the author in the *Dorchester News-gatherer* in the years 1880 and 1881. Much of the material has been patiently gleaned from public records and from other unpublished sources.

The Denison Memorial, which contains the proceedings at Ipswich last September to commemorate the bi-centenary of the death of Maj. Gen. Denison, is also a contribution to local history and genealogy. The biography of Daniel Denison has never before been written. His services to the colony of Massachusetts and the town of Ipswich were important, and Prof. Slade has given a full account of them.

The illustrated account of the Coggeshall coats-of-arms, whose title we next give, was issued at the expense of Charles P. Coggeshall, 274 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill., for distribution to members of the family. It is a description and history by the Rev. S. W. Coggeshall, of Pocasset, Mass., of three coats-of-arms of English families bearing this name.

Miss Titcomb's book was noticed in our last number, but as there was a mistake in the price given, we improve the opportunity to commend the work again to our readers. Considering that there was but a small edition printed, the price, four dollars, is low. We understand that there are but few copies left.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO JUNE 1, 1883.

I. *Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.*

The Antiquarian Magazine and Bibliographer. Edited by Edward Walford, M.A. Volume III. January—June, 1883. London: William Reeves, 185 Fleet Street, E. C., T. Fisher Union, 17 Holburn Viaduct, E. C. 8vo. pp. 326. 1883. Price 8s. 6d. Vols. I. and II. can also be furnished at 8s. 6d. a volume. This work is published in monthly numbers. Price 1s. a number.

A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing the Boston Records from 1700 to 1728. Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, City Printers, No. 39 Arch Street. 1883. 8vo. pp. 248.

Second Paper on the Correct Arms of the State of New York, as established by law since March 16, 1778. Read before the Albany Institute, May 24, 1881, by Henry A. Homes, LL.D. Albany: Weed, Parsons & Company. 1882. 8vo. pp. 21. Plates, 6.

The Story of a Concord Farm and its owners. Grindall Reynolds. February 1, 1883. A lecture delivered before the Concord Lyceum. 8vo. pp. 29.

In Memoriam Frederic de Peyster, LL.D. "Vir Auctoritatis." Born Hanover Square, New York city, 11 November, 1796; died Rose Hill, Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N. Y., 17th August, 1882. New York: Charles H. Ludwig, Printer, 10+12 Reade Street. 1882. 8vo. pp. 62.

An Ancient Document of the House of Washington (Temp Circa A.D. 1200); a communication read at the meeting of the American Antiquarian Society, Oct. 21, 1882. By Rev. Edward G. Porter, A.M., Lexington. Worcester: Press of Chas. Hamilton, 311 Main St. 1883. 8vo. pp. 6.

Fifth Annual Report of the Librarian of the Providence Public Library for the year ending Dec. 31, 1882. Providence: E. L. Freeman & Co., Printers to the State. 1883. 8vo. pp. 35.

Indian Migrations as evidenced by Language. Comprising The Huron-Cherokee Stock; The Dakota Stock; The Algonkians; The Chahta Muskoki Stock; The Mound Builders; The Iberians. By Horatio Hale, M.A. A paper read at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held at Montreal in August, 1882. Reprinted from the "American Antiquarian" for January and April, 1883. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Printers, 162-164 Clark St. 1883. 8vo. pp. 27.

Milton Cemetery. A catalogue of the Proprietors of Lots, together with a Record of Ancient Inscriptions on all tablets in the Cemetery prior to and including A.D. 1800. A.D. 1687—A.D. 1800. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers, 35 Bedford Street. 1883. 8vo. pp. 73.

Memoir of Hon. Henry C. Murphy, LL.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y. By Henry R. Stiles, M.D. Reprinted from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record. January, 1883. New York: Trow's Printing and Bookbinding Co., 201-213 East Twelfth Street. 1883. 8vo. pp. 22.

George Edward Hayes. A Memorial edited by Charles Wells Hayes. Buffalo: N. Y. 1882. 8vo. pp. 174.

Memoir of Abbott Lawrence. By Hamilton Andrews Hill. With an Appendix. Boston: Printed for private distribution. 1883. 8vo. pp. 243.

Purgatory—Doctrinally, Practically and Historically opened. By William Barrows, D.D., with an Introduction by Alexander McKenzie, D.D. American Tract Society, 150 Nassau Street, N. Y. 8vo. pp. 228.

The alleged "Progress in Theology." An address delivered before the Suffolk North Association of Congregational Ministers at Chelsea, Mass., February 20, 1883. By Dorus Clarke, D.D. Boston: Lee & Shepard, 47 Franklin Street. New York: Charles T. Dillingham, 678 Broadway. 1883. 8vo. pp. 29.

The Cathedral Towns and intervening places in England, Ireland and Scotland. A description of Cities, Cathedrals, Lakes, Mountains, Ruins and Watering-Places. By Thomas W. Silloway and Lee L. Powers. Boston: A. Williams and Company. Old Corner Bookstore. 1883. 8vo. pp. 361.

Military Lessons inculcated on the Coast of Georgia during the Confederate War. An address delivered before the Confederate Survivors' Association, in Augusta, Georgia, at its fifth annual meeting on Memorial Day, April 26, 1883, by Col. Charles C. Jones, Jr., President of the Association. Augusta, Ga.: Chronicle Printing Establishment. 1883. 8vo. pp. 15.

The Englishman's Right: A dialogue in relation to Trial by Jury. Reprinted from the edition of 1772. Edited by Daniel Rollins. Boston: Soule & Bugbee. 1883. 8vo. pp. 66.



Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science. Herbert B. Adams, Editor. VI. Parish Institutions of Maryland. With Illustrations from Parish Records. By Edward Ingie, A.B. Baltimore: Published by the Johns Hopkins University, April, 1883. 8vo. pp. 48.

Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science. Herbert B. Adams, Editor. VIII. Norman Constables in America. Read before the New England Historic Genealogical Society, February 1, 1882. By Herbert B. Adams, Ph.D. Baltimore.

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That portion of the old Plymouth Colony named by Capt. Bartholomew Gosnold Cape Cod, and which stretches its bent arm out before Massachusetts as if in defence of the state against all aggressors from across the ocean, has always been a locality of much interest, not only from its having been the first landing-place of the Pilgrims, but from its high, distinctive character, and its quaint, antique appearance. It has perhaps preserved more of its ancient garb than any section of the state, although time and the ocean have wrought many changes in the configuration of its bays and harbors.

There is an air of breezy saltiness about the cape that is invigorating; and the author in this Truro history has succeeded in imparting something of this atmospheric flavor to his book. It is certainly original, vigorous, and at times eloquent in style. The usual incidents pertaining to town histories are described in a forcible manner. The third and fourth chapters tell, in a very interesting way, the oft-told story of the Pilgrim landing. The incidents of the great shipwreck of 1841 are also graphically described. But the book is not without grave defects. The author has a way of wandering from his subject, which distracts the attention of the reader from the main facts of the history. There are also needless repetitions, such as the extract from the records relating to the laying out of a highway through the lands at Tashmuit, given on pages 91-2, and again presented on page 98, the only difference being the date, which in the first instance is given "June 15, 1703," and in the second, "June 15, 1705." There are also inaccurate statements, such as on page 75—"Reliance," Governor Hinckley's daughter, the wife of Nathaniel Stone, second minister of Boston"—whereas the second minister of Boston was the Rev. John Cotton. Wrong dates are given in numerous cases, which may be possibly attributed to bad printing or proof-reading. We understand that the first edition is nearly sold, and there will be a chance for a thorough revision before another edition is printed, which we hope will be soon. The illustrations and general typographical appearance of the work are excellent.

By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.

*An Historical Catalogue of the Old South Church (Third Church), Boston.* Printed for Private Distribution. 1883. 8vo. pp. 371.

This book is divided into three parts. First we are given a list of the Pastors, Deacons, Members, and the members of the baptismal covenant. The second part consists of an alphabetical arrangement of the two last, whereby any person ever



connected by membership with this church can be readily found, and the third part consists of biographies, with notes and index, from 1669 to 1719.

The volume is prepared for the use primarily of the members of this church at the present day, but so rich is it in local material that no antiquarian who loves Boston can be without it.

This book is edited by Mr. Hamilton A. Hill and Dr. George F. Bigelow, the committee to whom the work was entrusted. The publication of Judge Sewall's Diary added much that was needed to the understanding of every day life in ancient Boston during the colonial period; and in the third part of this book the editor has been greatly assisted by his diary in bringing before us incidents relating to this church, for this was Sewall's church, and dearly he loved it and tenderly he wrote of it. We see again, as we turn over the pages of this catalogue, the faces of the members of two centuries ago, the warriors of King Philip's time, not in battle array, but at their firesides, in the house of God, or keeping holy time. The spiritual life of the seventeenth century comes out vividly before us, and is exemplified in the lives and characters of the founders of the "Old South." Again the book is full of suggestions, a wide field for notes and queries. There are names in it that have a history, which the boon of its publication may exhume. Valuable as this book is for the new lines of thought it offers, and the light it throws on families hitherto unknown, it is, we are glad to learn, but the harbinger of a more complete and amplified edition, for the editor, who has shown good judgment and great research in the preparation of this volume, desires not only to receive additional information in regard to the seventeenth, but trusts to complete the biographical portion of the book down to the close of the eighteenth century. Certainly no braver men or more faithful followers of Christ lived than those who in the Revolution fought bravely and prayed fervently for the cause of their country, and many of the bravest and the best of them were the descendants of those worthy Old-South men who had been partakers of its communion, and who fought in the wars of the Narragansetts.

The book reflects credit upon the Old-South people of to-day, and we trust that all religious societies in New England who are historic and rich, will follow their example, and give their members and the world the benefit in print of the musty records now lying useless in the closet of the Deacon.

By Daniel T. V. Huntoon, Esq., of Canton, Mass.

*History of the Town of Amherst, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. . . . With Genealogies of Amherst Families.* By DANIEL F. SCOMB. Concord, N. H. : Printed by Evans, Sleeper and Woodbury. 1883. 8vo. pp. 978. Price \$4.

This volume is a valuable addition to our rapidly extending local-history literature. It includes a map, which might have been enlarged to advantage, of the town, with its early and larger boundaries, fifteen portraits and ten other illustrations, including meeting-house, town-house and soldiers' monument. The index of names fills 42 pages, and is well made; and the large clear type in which it is printed deserves mention. This remark applies indeed to the whole volume, as its open and fair pages are very pleasant, and the paper is heavy and good. We should question, indeed, whether these advantages were not secured at some sacrifice to the highest convenience and value of the book. It fills 978 pages, and it is too large. With margins a trifle narrower, and more compactness in the make-up of paragraphs, especially in the genealogies, a saving of 200 pages, or 250, might have been made, to the greater convenience of those who handle the book.

Amherst, at first Souhegan East, was one of the Narragansett townships, and the author gives a good resumé of the early grants to the survivors of King Philip's war, the processes by which they were secured and improved, and the later growth and changes. The style is somewhat fragmentary, but the substantial and important facts are interwoven with considerable skill, and the care with which the records are drawn upon is very satisfactory.

The theory that town histories should omit genealogies and remit them to the family historians, has not been acted upon. One half of the volume is devoted to them. They are very full and carefully worked out, and the time and toil which they have cost the author can only be appreciated by those who have done such work. The number of different family names occurring is unusually large, and there is no such proportionate prominence of one name or of a few, as is found of the Sanborns in Sanbornton, or of the Crosbys, Danforths, Hills, Stearns and Whitings in Billerica.

A word should be added in recognition and commendation of the filial spirit of one son of the town, Hon. Edward Spalding, of Nashua, who defrayed "the expenses of the compilation and publication of the work." The volume will be a noble memorial of his munificence, and he deserves the thanks of the town, of her children scattered abroad, and of all the increasing number who are interested in our local genealogical history.

*By the Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale, Mass.*

*History of the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Biographical and Genealogical.* By WILLIAM HENRY EGLE, M.D., M.A., Author of "History of Pennsylvania." Philadelphia: Everts & Peck. 1883. Royal 8vo. pp. 616+360.

Dr. Egle is one of the busy historical students and writers of the country. He has done much for the preserving and publishing of the history of Pennsylvania, and for all of which he should receive much credit from the citizens of the state. This volume is largely his work. Harrisburg is the chief city of Dauphin County, and Lebanon County adjoins it on the east. The first named county was in the purchase of 1749, while the latter was purchased of the Proprietors of Pennsylvania in 1736 and prior. The Germans early came into Lebanon County, and the Scotch-Irish into Dauphin County, even before substantial titles were held. The strifes between the various "original purchasers" of different nationalities and religions are understandingly portrayed. These settlers, hardy in race and earnest in contending with the forests, developed a still stronger character, and made the people alive to their best interests in times of war and peace.

Dr. Egle in this work also presents those characteristics of the Pennsylvania German speech, which has been maligned even by learned ones who should have known more of it. The author throughout shows an independent tone in his words. Those of central Pennsylvania find in Dr. Egle a champion of their history, and he makes statements, and sustains them by documents, which will make the Quaker champion wary in coming times. The conduct of Pennsylvania towards Gen. Braddock is placed in a new light, and if censure is needed is placed where it has not been. The first American flag hoisted upon the citadel of Mexico was by the Cameron Guards. The abolishing of slavery in Pennsylvania is claimed by Dr. Egle to have had its origin not among the Quakers of Philadelphia, but to have been due to the Scotch Irish and German elements of the state.

The parts played in the various wars of the country, from that of the Revolution to the Civil, are graphically described, while official reports are largely used, that all names of the veterans may be preserved to posterity. The editor forgets not the "Paxtang boys" nor the "Buck shot war." The business thrift of to-day receives generous attention. The book is fully illustrated by engravings of men of more or less local celebrity, and of residences and places of business of public-spirited citizens. This volume is a large one. It contains a vast deal of information, and doubtless is more carefully edited than the general run of those of like character.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Weymouth, Mass.*

*Dorothea Scott, otherwise Gotherson and Hogben, of Egerton House, Kent, 1611-1680.* A New and Enlarged Edition. By G. D. SCULL, Editor of the *Evelyns in America*. Printed for Private Circulation, by Parker & Co. Oxford, 1883. 8vo. pp. ix.+216. Illustrated.

The first edition of this work was noticed in the REGISTER, vol. xxxvii. p. 225. It contained only 28 pages. This edition contains a great deal more than its title implies—1. Sketch of Dorothea Scott; 2. Sketch of Daniel Gotherson, her first husband; 3. Of John Scott, a "Jeremy Diddler" of the time of Charles II., who defrauded the others out of their estate; 4. Of Thomas Scott, her father. It contains also four tabular pedigrees, tracing her ancestry to Charles Martel, ob. 741, and her descendants to the author, who has inscribed an affectionate sonnet to her memory.

He has also reprinted her "Call to Repentance, &c.," from what is supposed to be an unique copy in possession of the Society of Friends at Devonshire House, London, printed in 1660; with copious extracts from a similar work written by her husband, published in the same year; besides a treatise on Knighthood and kindred subjects, written by her father in 1628, and addressed to the Earl Marshall of England.

The writings of these different persons mark the distinct characteristics of each. Her father, descended from the most distinguished aristocracy of the realm, looked with disgust upon the cheap knighthood created by the Stuart kings, and the esquires, sons of hod-carriers or of pot-house politicians. His prose is as pointed and as terse as Peter Pindar's poetic allusions to the same kind of creations at a later period. The pride of Scott's own birth, which furnishes many illustrations of the class which he thinks should be honored, is in striking contrast with the modesty of his daughter Dorothea, as shown in her Call to Repentance; still she has the fearlessness which comes as an inheritance of her blood.

"O England, England, art thou so wise  
In thy own deceitful eyes? . . .  
Why sure there is a christal stream,  
A fountain pure, a river clean;  
What hinders thee in it to go  
The cause is in *thee* yet I trow  
And thou art in it still I know.

The contrary a dirty puddle  
A sink, a splash, that doth bemuddle  
And sink thee down into the mire,  
Which is thy place *till thou choose higher*.  
For shouldst thou *stand still* in this state  
Thy mischief would come on thy own pate."

It must be remembered that she wrote in the lascivious times of Charles II., and one of the non-conformist divines brought her name into his books for disobeying the bible in not allowing her male visitors to *kiss* her; and the sly Sam. Pepys was brought into business relations with her. We know from his diary how much he liked to indulge in that kind of holiness.

The husband of Dorothea was not a "level-headed man." Unfortunate in business; deluded out of his wife's fortune by John Scott; afterward an officer in Cromwell's army, and finally an eaves-dropper and tell-tale for the royalists, he was an unworthy husband of a most worthy woman. She settled upon Long Island, and was a highly respected teacher in the Society of Friends. She has many descendants in the United States.

Mr. Scull's tastes and instincts are thoroughly historic. The different phases of life and thought which he has gathered in this book illustrate so well the crumbling of the aristocracy of the previous age, the vacillating course of the men of the time, and the development of purer religion by the shame at the vileness of the times felt by such women as Dorothea (Scott) Gotherson, that this book should be *published* (instead of *privately printed*), and placed in every public library in the United States.

*By John Coffin Jones Brown, Esq., of Boston.*

*Groton during the Indian Wars.* By SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D. Groton, Mass. 1883. 8vo. pp. 214. Price \$2.50.

The towns are fortunate that have among their sons one so loyal and at the same time so able, to chronicle their history. In many respects this work of Dr. Green's is unique. It relates in a complete and clear manner the most important and interesting affairs of the town's annals, such matters as in the ordinary town histories are crowded into a few pages without authority or explanation.

The author begins with the earliest settlement of the town, and gives a succinct account of the relations of the settlers to the Indians, thus leading up to "King Philip's war." Many original documents are here reproduced from the archives of the state and other records, both from public and private sources. Many are given complete, others in abstracts, but all showing the patience and fidelity of the writer in preserving the quaint phraseology and spelling of the original papers.

The connection of events is kept up in the intervals of peace with the Indians, so that we do not lose sight of individuals, but are able to keep the relations of men and things along with the story, the growth in population and resources, better knowledge of Indian warfare and improved means of defence against them, the gradual outpushing energy of the new generations advancing the frontiers, the vanishing of the Indians farther into the forests; all these matters are kept along through the six Indian wars recurring at intervals from 1675 to 1763. Many valuable lists of names, both of settlers and soldiers, are given, sources of authority carefully quoted, explanations briefly but clearly put. The zeal of the historian, the good judgment and pure style of the editor, the art of the printers, have combined to make this one of the most valuable, and at the same time most readable, of works on this subject of our Indian wars. A full index of names and subjects makes the volume easily available and helpful to students of history, and it becomes at once an important addition to the working library, a pleasing and instructive volume in any library.

*By the Rev. G. M. Bodge, Dorchester, Mass.*

*Recollections of a Naval Officer, 1841—1865.* By Capt. WILLIAM HARWAR PARKER, Author of "Elements of Seamanship," "Harbor Routine and Evolutions," "Naval Tactics," "Naval Light Artillery—Afloat and Ashore," "Remarks on the Navigation of the Coasts between San Francisco and Panama," "The Greatest Friend of Truth is Time: her Greatest Enemy is Prejudice." New York: Charles Scribner's Sons: 1883. pp. 372. Price \$1.50.

The story of the seaman has a peculiar narrative. It is different from those in other walks of life. Their duties and dangers are such as others know not of. The title of this book tells its character. It is one of interest, and once begun is hard to lay down. We may not coincide with certain opinions dropped here and there, but the story of the navy in the war with Mexico, and as it was before the civil strife, is well told; and the service of the author in the navy of the Confederacy, and his writing out of personal knowledge, throws light upon places of history, and will aid doubtless to clarify our judgment of events wrought in the heat of civil war. Capt. Porter saw much of naval service between 1841 and 1865, and being one having authority upon naval subjects, this book, as have his others, will attract attention from students of military and naval science.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Weymouth, Mass.*

*Instruction Primaire en Languedoc, avant 1789.* Toulouse: 1883. 12mo. pp. 27.

*Collège de Maguelonne.* Par M. SAINT-CHARLES. Toulouse: 1883. 8vo. pp. 19.

These two brochures are from the pen of M. Léon St. Charles, of Toulouse, France.

The first is an interesting collection of facts upon the education of children in "la lecture, l'écriture, le calcul et la grammaire," in the south of France during the middle ages. It is of especial value to the student of pedagogy.

The second is a brief history of a college which existed as a subordinate of the great University of Toulouse for five centuries, or from A. D. 1277 to 1767. It is a valuable paper on the history of such semi-monastic educational institutions.

M. Léon St. Charles, the author of these pamphlets, is a native of Toulouse, and a member, in the department of letters, of the Academy of Science, Inscriptions and Belles Lettres, of that city; a society established in 1620, erected into a Royal Academy under Louis XIV. in 1746, suppressed by the events of 1793, and resuscitated in 1807. It has a resident membership of forty, and a considerable number of correspondents in France and abroad. It publishes "Memoires."

M. St. Charles has distinguished himself by his researches in the Archives of the Civil Hospitals of Toulouse, the manuscripts of which, running back to the thirteenth century, and written in Latin, Provengal and French, he has classified and inventoried with great pains and diligence. Besides this great labor, M. St. Charles has compiled much relating to the history of the streets of his native city, its public institutions, and, above all, its University and School of Medicine, which at one time had high celebrity. \*\*\*

*Index to American Poetry and Plays in the Collection of C. Fiske Harris.* Providence: Printed for Private Distribution. 1874. 18mo. pp. 171.

*Catalogue of American Poetry, comprising Duplicates from the Collection of the late C. Fiske Harris, of Providence, R. I.* For sale by William T. Tibbitts, No. 64 Westminster Street, Providence. 1883. Sq. 16mo. pp. 83.

The late Caleb Fiske Harris, A. M., of Providence, of whom a sketch is printed in the REGISTER, xxxvi. 336, collected a rare and valuable library, described in Rogers's Private Libraries of Providence," pp. 179-202. At his death it is said to have numbered nearly ten thousand volumes. One of his specialties, and probably the principal one, was American Poetry, of which he had the largest collection ever made. In 1874 he had 4129 titles, which appear in the "Index" compiled and printed by him in that year. He continued collecting seven years longer, till Oct. 2, 1881, when he and his wife met with a sad death by drowning on Moosehead Lake.

We are glad to learn that, though other portions of his library have been scattered by auction, his library of American Poetry remains intact, having been purchased by the Hon. Henry B. Anthony, United States Senator from Rhode Island, who we think had previously a fine collection. The duplicates are offered for sale by Mr. Tibbitts. We hope that Senator Anthony will take precautions to ensure that at his death the library will be kept together.

*A Brief Sketch of the Life of William Green, LL.D., Jurist and Scholar, with some Personal Reminiscences of him.* By PHILIP SLAUGHTER, D.D., Historiographer of the P. E. Church, Diocese of Virginia. Also a Historical Tract by Judge Green, and some Curious Letters upon the Origin of the Proverb "Vox Populi, Vox Dei." Richmond: 1883. 8vo. Cloth, price, \$1.25. Address Rev. Philip Slaughter, D.D., Mitchell's Station, Va.

The learned author of this graceful and touching tribute enjoys a wide popularity through his numerous graphic and delightful contributions to local, church and family history, as well as by his glowing eloquence as a pulpit orator.

A relative and early associate, and through life an intimate friend of the distinguished subject of the memorial, he has, as might have been justly expected, felicitously acquitted himself of his loving office. Disclaiming "ambitious pretensions" as a biographer, he yet presents a comprehensive and well rounded view of the usefully occupied life of a remarkable man, who was one of the most learned jurists of this age certainly, and it has been asserted, of any "time or clime."

Not only is the descent of William Green carefully traced from eminent English ancestors, and his mental traits and personal characteristics faithfully portrayed, but through the "confidence of private friendship" enjoyed by Dr. Slaughter with the deceased, "glimpses into the inner life . . . of this many-sided, complex and incongruous being" are given.

Dr. Green was not only profound in the classics, and indeed "at home" in the wide realm of literature, but was intimately and curiously erudite in history, and singularly so in that of his native state. His memory was quite as prodigious as that of Magliabecchi the famous Florentine, and his conversation was a quaint outpouring and marvellously curious mosaic of the whole arena of learning and thought.

A valuable example of his research and mode of expression is afforded in the "Historical Tract" by him on "The Genesis of Certain Counties in Virginia from Cities or Towns of the same name."

It will be found importantly suggestive. Notwithstanding the limited pages of Dr. Slaughter's "sketch," it yet contains attractive pabulum for the student, the moral philosopher and for the public.

*By R. A. Brock, Esq., of Richmond, Va.*

*The Genealogist.* Edited by GEORGE W. MARSHALL, LL.D., Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. Vol. VII. London: George Bell and Sons, York Street, Covent Garden. 1883. 8vo. pp. vii.+312. Price, bound, 12s.; in numbers, 10s.

The *Genealogist*, published quarterly in London, closed its seventh volume with the October number, and the editorship of George W. Marshall, LL.D., its founder, then ceased.

Dr. Marshall's principal wish has been to furnish reproductions of hitherto unpublished material, and these he gives with a simplicity and accuracy equalling an original document; he has no weakness for overloading with notes, and has always spoken freely against the style of those editors whose main ideas have been a second-hand compilation of already printed material, or who debased the profession of genealogist by catering to family vanity in publishing pedigrees of fabulous ancestry. The false pride of some New England families in attaching to fabulous ancestry has been exposed, and we already see a rising generation of genealogists here who have been guided by Dr. Marshall to seek the *truth* in preference to the *pleasing*.

We regret that Dr. Marshall can no longer spare time for its editorial care. It is, however, well established, and will continue to obtain from its contributors most valuable material, as in the past. In the last volume we noticed the names of ancestors of American families in the Marriage Licenses at Worcester, and the reproduction of Parish Registers, Visitations and Family Sketches, are constantly bringing in material of use in this country, the search for which is thus obviated.

The annual subscription price is only 10s. for 334 pages, of which 32 pages in each future number will be devoted to "A NEW PEERAGE," embracing the whole British Isles, and will be separately paged from the body of the magazine. It will contain also the *extinct* and *dormant* peerages. Such a work is much needed, as Burke's new edition (so called) has been revised to a most trifling extent, the very type of the old edition, errors included, having been left unmolested. (See p. 237, vol. vii. *Genealogist*.)

*By John Coffin Jones Brown, Esq., of Boston.*

*Ancient Egypt in the Light of Modern Discoveries.* By Prof. H. S. OSBORN, LL.D. Cincinnati, Ohio: Robert Clarke & Co., Publishers. 1883. 12mo. pp. 232. Price \$1.25.

The author says in his preface, "Our main object is to present the whole subject in its general historical unity, and in so popular and comprehensive a manner, that any reader may find an interest in the discoveries and the records of that wonderful Nation and Empire of Ancient Egypt," and he has carried out his plan in a most admirable manner, for every page is replete with valuable information. The third and fourth chapters treat of Egyptian chronology, and of the various theories and speculations employed in the hope of establishing a definite measurement of time from the first dynasty to the christian era. One scientist believes it to be 5004 years, another only 2700 years, and there is much doubt as to the duration of dynasties, and whether they were all consecutive or some of them contemporaneous. The fifth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth chapters are exceedingly interesting, the two former treating of events contemporaneous with Moses and the Exodus.

The ancient Egyptians were, according to Prof. Osborn, a distinct race from the other Africans, and were the first of all nations "to cut history into stone or write it upon papyrus."

A valuable map of Egypt is contained in the book, and gives a clear idea of the location of the ancient monuments, and of ancient places bearing old or new names, these being distinguished by different type. It will be noticed that Egypt is practically limited to the Valley of the Nile, a strip of territory 550 miles north and south, and only about 12 miles in width.

In this small volume the hieroglyphics, religions, arts, monuments, history, and to some extent the habits and customs of that land, so prominent in the world's history from the dawn of civilization to the declining period of the Roman Empire, is portrayed in a pleasing style.

By *George K. Clarke, Esq., of Needham.*

*Magazine of American History. Illustrated.* Edited by Mrs. MARTHA J. LAMB. New York: 30 Lafayette Place, January, 1884. Sm. 4to. Published monthly in numbers of 88 pages each. Price \$5 a year, or 50 cts. a number.

The Magazine of American History has just closed its tenth volume and fifth year, and the initial number of the sixth volume is before us. It has ceased to be an experiment and become a necessity among the students of the history of early American days. The magazine, since its commencement, has been ably edited, and each of its volumes bears testimony to care, research and painstaking. During the last year there has been a change in the editorship. The Rev. Dr. B. F. De Costa, for the past year or two and until the May number of 1883, was its chief editor, and since then the present editor, Mrs. Martha J. Lamb, has had charge of it. Each of the numbers has been full of papers upon subjects of national and local interest, and not these alone, but papers of import to historical students in other countries. None of the monthly parts are to be despised in Americana lore; but we venture a mention of articles of large worth printed in it in 1883. "Where are the Remains of Christopher Columbus?" "The Founding of Georgia;" "The Scotch-Irish in America;" "The Baron de Castine" (though on page 371 Fort Royal is mentioned as being in the present Portland, Maine. It should be Fort Loyal; Fort Royal was in Acadia); "Clayborne the Rebel," by J. Esten Cooke, the well known Virginia author; "The Centennial of the Cincinnati;" "The Last Cantonment of the Main Army of the Revolution." The editor, Mrs. Lamb, also contributes articles of high value—upon the "Wall Street in History," in which is much data concerning those times of great financial movements, and of the prominent actors in them. Attention during the year has been specially drawn to Washington, Columbus, the early voyages to the American waters, and the Franklin Papers.

The leading article in the number for January, 1884, is on "The Van Rensselaer Mansion," by the editor, illustrated with a portrait of Gen. Stephen Rensselaer. There are other articles on "The Beginning of the New England Society of New York;" "The Poll Tax in Maryland;" "History of the Location of the National Capital;" also a number of original documents, and a variety of Notes and Queries, reports of the proceedings of historical societies, and book notices.

The magazine is well and finely illustrated, and with deserved maintenance will be a repository which no student can afford to overlook.

By *the Rev. Anson Titus, of Weymouth.*

*The Registers of the Parish Church of Calverley in the West Riding of the County of York, with a Description of the Church and a Sketch of its History.* By SAMUEL MARGERISON. Vol. II. Bradford: G. F. Sewall, Printer, Dailey Street. 1883. 12mo. pp. viii. +254. Price 4s., including postage 4s. 4d.

The first volume of this work containing the entries in the Registers of the Calverley church from 1574 to 1650, was published in 1880. It contained entries interesting to the Wales (Reg. xxxv. 72) and other New England families.

The second volume, whose title we give above, continues the entries from 1650 to 1680. It contains a description of the church and a sketch of its history, an appendix of 37 pages of interesting matter and a full index of surnames. The readers of the REGISTER will feel most interest in the "Notes on the Ancestry of Longfellow," which fill 14 pages of the Appendix. We knew from the letter of Judge Samuel Sewall, December 24, 1880, printed in the REGISTER, xxiv. 123, that the father of William Longfellow, the emigrant ancestor of the poet Longfellow, was named William, and that in 1680 he resided at Horsforth, Yorkshire, England. Mr. Margerison's researches make it probable that the emigrant was William, son of William Longfellow, baptized at Guiseley, Oct. 20, 1650, and that he was the fifth in descent from Percival<sup>1</sup> Longfellow, of Bagley, Parish of Calverley, through Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Edward<sup>3</sup> and William.<sup>4</sup> A tabular pedigree in the book gives the details of this descent, which though it is not pretended that it is proved, is extremely probable from the evidence in the case. Mr. Margerison gives extracts from registers of parishes in the vicinity of Calverley, abstracts of wills and other genealogical matter, relating to the name of Longfellow under its various spellings. Other entries of interest to American families will be found in this volume.

The two volumes now published can be had of Mr. Margerison, the editor, Calverley, near Leeds, England, price 4 shillings a volume, to which 4 pence for postage should be added. A third volume is in press which will contain the Registers of Calverley from 1681 to 1720. Price to subscribers, 3s.; to non-subscribers, 4s.

*A Book of New England Legends and Folk Lore, in Prose and Poetry.* By SAMUEL ADAMS DRAKE, author of "Nooks and Corners of the New England Coast," "Old Landmarks of Boston," etc. Boston: Roberts Brothers, 1884. Sm. 4to. pp. xviii. +461. Price, Cloth, \$3.50; Cloth gilt, \$4.

Mr. Drake has done a good service in gathering up the legends, romantic incidents and folk lore current among a people who have the reputation of being very matter of fact and prosaic, with little romance in their composition. Many of his readers will be surprised that he has been able to fill so large a book. It was no easy task that he undertook and has accomplished, to gather the legends among us, and to separate the false from the true.

"The recovery," he tells us in his preface, "of many legendary waifs that not only have a really important bearing upon the early history of our country, but that also shed much light upon the spirit of its ancient laws and upon the domestic lives of its people, has seemed to me a laudable undertaking. This purpose has now taken form in this collection of New England legends.

"As in a majority of instances these tales go far beyond the time when the interior was settled, they naturally cluster about the seaboard; and it would scarcely be overstepping the limit separating exaggeration from truth to say that every league of the New England coast has its story or its legend."

The incidents in this book extend from the settlement of the country to the present century, from William Blackstone and Anne Hutchinson to Moll Pitcher and Flood Ireson, and they are presented in the author's usual attractive style.

The book is profusely illustrated by F. T. Merrill, the engravings being of a high order of merit. It is handsomely printed and bound.

*Outing and the Wheelman.* Illustrated. Vol. III. No. 4. January, 1884. Boston, Mass.: The Wheelman Co., 175 Tremont Street. Royal 8vo. Published monthly, 72 pages to a number. Price \$2 a year, or 20 cts. a number.

The *Wheelman* has before been noticed in these pages. It was commenced in this city, Oct. 1882, as "an illustrated magazine of Cycling Literature and News." Five months previous, in May, 1882, *Outing* was begun at Albany, N. Y., as "a magazine devoted to the literature of pleasure travel, outdoor sports and the general field of recreation." Both magazines were ably edited and obtained the approval of the public. The proprietors of the *Wheelman* having determined "to broaden its scope and cover the general field of recreation in its literary and art contribu-

tion," purchased the subscription list of *Outing*, and now issue a consolidated magazine, the first number of which is before us. It contains accounts of travels, tales, poetry and other articles of particular interest to the class of readers for which it is intended. Its platform embraces "all recreations that tend to develop manliness and womanliness, and make people stronger, brighter, more vigorous, better and happier." Its literary character and its illustrations are deserving of praise.

*The Papers and Biography of Lion Gardiner, 1599-1663.* With an Appendix. Edited by CURTISS C. GARDINER. St. Louis: Printed for the Editor. 1883. 4to. pp. 106. Price \$3.

The name of Lion Gardiner is familiar to most historical students as that of one of the pioneers of New England and first proprietor of Gardiner's Island in Long Island Sound, which island is chiefly noted for its having continued in one family since 1639, passing from father to son by entail male. The work of Capt. Gardiner is a valuable contribution to the general history of New England, as well as an interesting sketch of his worthy ancestor, containing in the second and third chapters reprints from the Massachusetts Historical Society's Collections of a "Relation" by Gardiner himself of his experiences in the Pequot wars, of his letters to John Winthrop, Jr., governor of Connecticut, during the same period, and in the biographical chapter, and the Appendix, much additional matter relating to the same wars and to Gardiner's Island.

Nothing is known of the ancestry of Lion Gardiner, although a record copied from an ancient Genevan bible gives quite a full account of his emigration from Holland, and of his wife's kindred there.

He was a native of England and went to Holland as a lieutenant in an English regiment, England then being an ally of Holland, during the reign of Charles First.

In 1635 Gardiner states that he was "an engineer and master of works of fortification in the legers of the Prince of Orange in the Low Countries," and was induced by some eminent Puritans to go to New England, setting sail July 10, 1635. He went first to Boston to complete the fortifications on Fort Hill, and about the same time was sent to Salem to ascertain if it was an object to fortify that settlement, but reported that the people were in more danger of starvation than of any "foreign potent enemy." He is spoken of by Winthrop as "an expert engineer."

In March, 1636, he was sent to Connecticut to fortify certain places there, and was commander of the fort at Saybrooke, taking an active part in the struggles with the Indians.

May 3, 1639, he purchased Gardiner's Island of the Indians, then called the Isle of Wight, and the next May he obtained a grant of the same from the Earl of Sterling, grantee of the King of England.

The book contains a map showing the location of the island, a list of the proprietors, a brief genealogy of the author, and a chapter on the Gardiner Arms.

Capt. Gardiner the editor has presented his subject in an attractive form, and the work is printed and bound in the best manner.

By George K. Clarke, Esq., Needham, Mass.

*Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica.* Edited by JOSEPH JACKSON HOWARD, LL.D., F.S.A. New Series. Vol. IV. No. 72. December, 1883. Hamilton, Adams & Co., Paternoster Row, London. 8vo. Published monthly, each number containing 16 pages. Price 6d. a number.

The December number of this valuable periodical completes the Second or New Series. The work was commenced in July, 1866, as a quarterly magazine, and two volumes were issued in that form. In April, 1870, the New or Monthly Series was begun. Four volumes of this series have been published. They are filled with matter interesting to the genealogist and antiquary.

With the January number a third series will be commenced. The number of pages will be increased, with an advertising sheet and a colored wrapper; and the price will be raised to 10s. 6d. per annum, 1s. a number, post free. "It has been arranged that a collection of Notes by the editor and the late Col. Chester, including an important series of Will Abstracts by Mr. Eedes, illustrating the Heraldic Visitation of London, 1633, will be printed in the *Miscellanea*. These Notes will be enriched with fac-simile wood-cuts of Arms, Seals and Autographs."

The first series of this work is out of print; but the second series of four volumes can still be furnished by Mitchell & Hughes, 140 Wardour Street, London, W. England. Price for the set £4 14s. 6d., and for a single volume £1 5s.



*A Copy of the Old Epitaphs in the Burying Ground of Block Island, R. I.* By EDW. DOUBLEDAY HARRIS. Cambridge: Press of John Wilson and Son. 1883. 12mo. pp. 66. Edition of 100 copies.

This elegant book shows that Mr. Harris knows how to prepare and bring out a work of this kind. His taste and judgment are conspicuous in every part of the volume. Not only do the inscriptions represent those on the stone, even to the connected letters, but the kind of stone used is given. There are brief genealogical notes which add to its value. The index is a good one.

Genealogists have before been indebted to Mr. Harris and his lamented brother, the late William Thaddeus Harris, LL.B., for their care in preserving the inscriptions on the gravestones in the graveyards of Cambridge and Watertown, and we trust this is not the last contribution of the kind from him that we are to receive.

*The Musical Record. A Journal of Music, Art, Literature.* Edited by DEXTER SMITH. Boston: Oliver Ditson & Co. November and December, 1883, and January, 1884. Published monthly, 32 pages royal 4to. each number. Price \$1 a year or 10 cts. a number.

The reputation which this periodical has attained as a musical and literary magazine is well maintained. Mr. Smith shows his ability to make an interesting and valuable miscellany for the musical world. The *Record* contains essays on musical subjects, the experience of music teachers, discussion of musical topics, notes and queries on music, choice poetry, criticism, reviews and items of musical news, movements of artists, and other matters. We commend the work to our readers.

*Vick's Floral Guide.* Rochester, N. Y., 1884. 8vo. pp. 134. Price 10 cents.

The Floral Guide for this year is fully equal in every respect to its predecessors. There are three elegant colored plates of flowers and vegetables, and more than one thousand other illustrations. "It is handsome enough for the centre table or for a holiday present."

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We continue our quarterly notices of genealogical works which have recently appeared.

The Davis genealogy, whose title heads the list this quarter, is a work that we can confidently refer to as a model for such works. The Hon. George L. Davis, to whom we owe the work, has been several years in collecting the materials which he now presents to the public. In preparing his book for the press he has had the assistance of George F. Daniels, of Oxford, author of the valuable historical work, *The Huguenots of the Nipmuck Country*, who has much taste and skill in these matters. The book is very full and precise, not only as to the genealogy but the biography of the family. It is arranged on the REGISTER PLAN, with a few new features that adapt it better for a book. It is handsomely printed, with clear and distinct type, and has a very good index.

The Tuttle book seems to be a very full account of the various families of the name, and must have cost much labor. Besides the descendants of William Tuttle of New Haven, it has genealogical accounts, more or less full, of John Tuttle of Dover, N. H.; Richard Tuttle of Boston; John Tuttle of Ipswich, and Henry Tuttle of Hingham, Mass., with genealogical notices of several allied families. It is illustrated with portraits and has two indexes.

The Halls, to which the next book is devoted, are a numerous race. The author gives a list of eighty-three early emigrants of the name, between few of whom, we think, has any connection been traced. The author has shown commendable perseverance in collecting the memorials of these scattered families. The volume is well printed and well indexed. Numerous portraits, many of them on steel, illustrate the work.

The Page Family of Virginia gives the genealogy of that ancient family, which is traced to Col. John Page, of Williamsburg, Va., of whom an original portrait by Sir Peter Lilly is preserved and has been engraved for this volume. Other portraits and views also illustrate the work. Great research is shown in these pages, and much historical and biographical matter is preserved here. Besides the families whose names we have copied in the above title, there are references to those of Byrd, Carter, Cary, Duke, Gilman, Harrison, Rives, Thornton, Wellford and Washington.

Mr. Binney, the author of the next volume, published his first edition of the Prentice Family in 1852. Since then he has collected much material for a new edition, and the late Mr. E. C. Prentice devoted his leisure for several years to the same work. His collections have been added to those of Mr. Binney, who has compiled from the united collection a very valuable and interesting work. It is well arranged and well printed, and has good indexes. Numerous portraits and other illustrations embellish the book.

The first volume of the Spooner genealogy has been printed, and the advance sheets are before us. We notice it briefly in this number, but shall do so more fully in the next. The Hon. Mr. Spooner, of Glendale, Ohio, has spent many years and much money in gathering material for the genealogy of the Spooner family. In 1871 he published a preliminary outline volume. He now issues the first volume of the completed work, the result of nearly a quarter of a century of labor. The details are full and precise, as might be expected, and there is a full index in one alphabet. The book is handsomely printed.

The Thwing Family, the subject of the next book, is not a very numerous one; but the author has succeeded in filling more than two hundred pages with interesting matter about it. An account of the Twenge family of England, of which this is supposed to be an offshoot, is prefixed. The immigrant ancestor of the Thwing family in this country was Benjamin Thwing, who came to New England in the Susan and Ellen in 1635, and settled in Boston. His descendants are fully carried out. A number of heliotypes, mostly portraits, illustrate the work.

Mr. Hall, the author of the book about the Waldos, has had the use, in preparing this volume, of the papers of the late Hon. Loren P. Waldo of Hartford, Conn., Charles E. Waldo of Canon City, Colorado, and Mrs. S. G. Waters of East Randolph, Vt., who have devoted more or less time to collecting facts about the family. Judge Waldo, of Hartford, had intended to prepare a work similar to this. Mr. Hall has preserved much valuable information concerning a distinguished family. The book has a good index, and is illustrated with portraits and other engravings.

The Harris Family of Ipswich seems to be very fully traced in the next volume. Thomas Harris was one of the early settlers of that town. He afterwards removed to Rowley, but returned to Ipswich and died there in 1687. Over six hundred families of his descendants are given in this volume. It is indexed and illustrated by heliotype portraits.

The first part of the Humphreys genealogy was noticed in our number for July last. The part before us is devoted to the descendants of Michael Humphreys, who settled in Windsor, Conn., as early as 1643. One of the most distinguished of these descendants was Gen. David Humphreys of revolutionary fame, of whom a portrait and good biography are given, illustrated by facsimiles of letters by Washington and himself. The work is very thoroughly compiled and handsomely printed. Facsimiles of several ancient documents are given.

Mr. Nelson's memoir of Josiah Hornblower preserves some interesting facts in the history of our country. Mr. Hornblower came from England to America in 1753, bringing with him the first steam-engine which was used in this country. The memoir details the incidents of his life, particularly in relation to this engine and the Schuyler Copper Mines at Second River, N. J., where it was used. The name of Hornblower is intimately associated with the steam-engine in England, and Jonathan Hornblower, Jr., a nephew of Josiah, invented in 1776 a double-cylinder engine. Mr. Nelson calls him "one of the rarest inventors of England." In the appendix is an account of this engine and Mr. Hornblower's controversy with Messrs. Boulton and Watt. The genealogy appended seems to be fully traced. There is an index to the whole pamphlet.

The Rev. Mr. Hayden, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., is a careful historical and biographical writer, and in the present work has given a very interesting account of Oliver Pollock, particularly of his services to his country at the time of the revolution. He has appended a genealogy of the Pollock family of Pennsylvania and notices of others of the name.

The brief genealogies of the several American families of the name of Carpenter given on the title-page, are additions to our genealogical information. Appended is a report "To the Members of the Carpenter Fund Association," as whose agent Mr. Usher visited England. He gives the result of his investigations there. After stating the facts to the members, he adds: "It may now be definitely taken as a fixed fact that the so-called 'Carpenter Estate' does not exist, except in the fiction of tradition and the hopes of the expectant recipients."

The Deane genealogy is a reprint, from the REGISTER for July, 1883, of the article on that family, with an appendix of two pages, giving the ancestry of several of the individuals named in the genealogy. This carries back the ancestry of persons now living, in various lines.

The Specimen of the Register Plan is a reprint from the July REGISTER of a portion of the last article, and with it the short article on that Plan, giving an explanation of it. It will be furnished gratis.

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*The Trelawny Papers [Documentary History of Maine, Vol. III.]. Edited and Illustrated with Historical Notes and an Appendix. By JAMES PHINNEY BAXTER, A.M. Published by the Maine Historical Society, aided by appropriations from the State. Portland: Hoyt, Fogg and Donham. 1884. Press of John Wilson and Son, Cambridge. 8vo. pp. xxxii.+520. Price \$4. The same, Edition de Luxe, 50 Copies, \$10.*

To the historical student, familiar with the announcements of forthcoming publications for the past ten years, and the current news of literary discoveries of that period, the statement that the Trelawny Papers have been published will come almost as a voice from the dead. One third of a generation has passed away since the late J. Wingate Thornton added to his fame as a discoverer of lost manuscripts by announcing to a delighted historical society the fact that he had become possessed of the letters, papers and accounts of the Trelawny Plantation at Richmond's Island, off the coast of Maine.

In the decade that followed this piece of information, which set all investigators in Maine history agog, Mr. Thornton, the first editor elect, died (1878, see REGISTER, xxxiii. 273), and they fell into the hands of a second editor whose business so absorbed his time that he found it impossible to complete his task. Time rolled on, the public forgot about them or grew weary of waiting, while others interested in their appearance died. To those who remembered them, the name of "Trelawny Papers" became a bye-word and a joke. In a happy moment the Maine Historical Society placed the manuscripts in the hands of the present editor, whose zeal, industry and refined literary tastes have amply justified the selection, and to whose untiring energy and business capacity the historical public of this generation are indebted for the volume before them. In this instance the "patient waiter" has been "no loser," and "patience has had its perfect work," and all that, but it is sincerely to be hoped that the Maine Historical Society will never again be guilty of such shuffling, inexcusable delay, which by its length and seeming infinity deprived the venerable and generous donor, the Rev. Charles T. Collins-Trelawny, the long anticipated satisfaction of seeing in book form the papers he so freely gave at their solicitation. But he too passed away, and thus both the discoverer and donor went over to the "great majority" before the work was begun.

As a contribution to the documentary historical literature of New England, it has only been excelled by the publication of the Winthrop Papers, because of the more

cosmopolitan character of those noted manuscripts; but as a localized series of historical papers it has never been equalled. Covering a period of thirteen years, beginning with 1631, and embracing an era in the early history of Maine not covered by contemporaneous records to any extent, it is to Maine as it would be to Massachusetts if the correspondence of the Old Planters of the Bay from the settlement of Weston to the arrival of the Winthrop fleet should be spread before her historical students.

The papers contain fifty-five letters, ranging over the period between 1632 and 1648 (inclusive), principally from John Winter, the factor of the plantation, to Robert Trelawny the patentee, concerning the business of the plantation, always adverting however to items of historical interest, letters from Thomas Cammock, Edward Trelawny, Amias Maverick (wife of Samuel, of Noddle's Island), Sir Ferdinando Gorges, Rev. Richard Gibson, Rev. Robert Jordan, George Cleeve, Edward Godfrey and others of lesser note, concerning political affairs in the province. The remaining papers of that period are deeds, invoices, inventories, depositions, accounts, indentures of apprenticeship, petitions, commissioners' reports and court orders. A second series of thirty-five letters and papers follow, beginning 1675 and ending 1809, which relate principally to the efforts of the heirs and descendants of Robert Trelawny to recover the patent from the parties then in possession, who held under a decree of the assembly of Lygonia, dated Dec. 18, 1648, and which has never been disturbed.

The work is prefaced by a sketch of the Trelawny family, its noted descendants, and of Robert Trelawny the patentee, written by the donor of the papers, who traces the public career of Robert Trelawny from the time he was mayor of Plymouth to his incarceration, for political reasons, in Winchester prison in 1641, while a member of Parliament for Plymouth. This is the least satisfactory chapter in the book, and seems to be lacking in some essential facts that might have been stated. The papers and documents follow, but it is not necessary to give a schedule of them, nor at length to enumerate their contents in the space at our disposal. Of the many interesting things we note the letters of Edward Trelawny, the younger brother of the patentee, who came over during the summer of 1635, on a tour of observation in the New World. When he visited Boston, about the time of the arrival of Sir Henry Vane, which he notes (p. 74), he "got religion" quite severely, and was loth to leave the "*Baye*, where there is such a holly walking, such a sweet communion & fellowshippe on all sides," and he was "perswaded vnlse a man were paste all grace it would Conuince the weryest Reprobate aliuie." And in his spiritual ecstasy he exclaims, "Oh that *Old England* were *Newe!*" (p. 79). The letter of John Winter, telling us of the arrival of Sir Thomas Jocelyn, "an ancyent old knight," father of John (the author of "Two Voyages"), whom he accompanied in 1638 on a visit to his other son Henry, then residing at Black Point, Scarborough' (p. 40), gives us an entirely new incident in Maine history, and the pitiful information (pp. 219, 312) concerning the unfortunate gentleman Francis Martin, a broken down merchant, father of the more unfortunate Mary who was executed for murder in Boston in 1646 (Winthrop, Journal ii. 368), gives to any novelist the basis of a colonial romance that would have delighted the soul of Hawthorne. The events of the long and bitter quarrel between George Cleeve, the founder of Portland, and John Winter, the factor of the plantation, run through the book, and prove to be of absorbing, and, at times, exciting interest. Particularly so is the episode which occurred when Winter, the jury having decided against him, moved for a rehearing upon the plea of "attajnt agajnst the Jurors." The excitement was intense among that body, one of whom entered suit for libel immediately, and in a letter of Robert Jordan to Trelawny, describing the events, we are told how Governor Thomas Gorges, in open court, read from an old tome the terrible penalty of attaint from the statutes of Henry VIII., and we may well believe that "the clamor was great." The scene must have been picturesque indeed.

The editorial labors of Mr. Baxter may perhaps be more clearly understood by a quantitative analysis of the space occupied by his annotations. Of the 440 pages of the Trelawny Papers proper, one quarter, or about 110 pages, by measurement, are taken up with 1098 notes (if we have counted correctly) varying in size from a line to two pages of brevier type. But the value of them is not to be estimated by surface dimensions. The character of the papers demanded careful and extended explanations to make them intelligible.—First: the inventories of property and invoices of merchandise contain hundreds of words, now obsolete, that belonged only to some local dialect, and these have been traced to their origin with much patient investigation. Second: the papers covered an obscure period of Maine's history,

and events that had only been hinted at by contemporary writers or surmised by later historians, have been made clearer by the documents and letters, and had to be brought into proper relations by judicious explanations. Third: we are introduced to a round hundred of names of residents in Maine during the period stated, whose first coming to this coast is made known through the letters and pay-rolls of the plantation, and all these persons have been made the subject of interesting genealogical investigations that have resulted in notable additions to the almost bye-gone Savage's Dictionary, or as much thereof as relates to Maine. These philological, historical and genealogical notes are of so much value that the papers have been made thrice valuable and important by their help, and at some points we we could wish that they had been even more extended.

One topic for annotation outgrew the limits of the ordinary note and was assigned to the appendix, and has since been reprinted for private distribution—the Great Seal of the Council for New England, and embodies all that we shall probably ever know upon the subject.

In a few places we note errors, not fatal, however, which escaped the attention of the indefatigable annotator; notably the death of Cradock is wrongly stated (p. 81) as May, 1644, the old opinion of early writers, but since corrected to May 27, 1641 (see *Rec.* Oct. 1857, p. 296; *Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc.* for Nov. 1871, p. 171; Feb. 1874, p. 242). But a careful examination does not reward us with better game than that. The index appears to be amply extensive and satisfactory.

The volume as a whole is the handsomest ever issued by the Maine Historical Society. In addition to the clean and clear typography, it is further embellished with seven heliotypes of the letters and invoices, and views of the Trelawny home and Winchester prison, woodcuts of arms, autographs and seals, and fac-similes of the patent, the Great Seal of the Council for New England, and a reproduction of an ancient map of Plymouth, England, in 1643. The edition ought to be exhausted to fill the shelves of historical students. The large paper edition, of which fifty copies have been printed, contains extra facsimile letters of Sir Ferdinando Gorges, Edward Godfrey and Robert Trelawny, and is altogether an elegant book. It is for special subscribers only.

*By Charles Edward Banks, M.D., of Chelsea, Mass.*

*The Early Records of Lancaster, Mass. 1643—1725.* Edited by HENRY S. NOURSE. A.M. Lancaster: 1884. 8vo. pp. 364.

This volume is published by authority of the town, and forms a valuable addition to its local history. It comprises not only the annals of the town as found upon its own records, but also all important references to the place and its people which the compiler has been able to discover. In pursuit of these items there is abundant evidence of careful search in the archives of the state, among the files and records of the county courts, the registry of deeds, &c., and in obscure volumes inaccessible to many readers. As a result Mr. Nourse has brought together a collection of records, which probably embrace all of any significance, that at this late day can be found pertaining to Lancaster during the period included in his plan, 1643—1725.

These records are not only interesting to the antiquary, but to the general reader, for from many of the curious documents presented one may catch glimpses of the life of the early settlers, of some of the methods adopted and the difficulties encountered in administering civil affairs, and occasionally gain an insight into the homes and families of the town. The part which Lancaster bore during King Philip's war, and the disturbances of subsequent years, is clearly shown by the admirable classification of various letters, orders of Court, and military journals relating thereto, and the familiar story of the capture of Mrs. Rowlandson gains fresh interest by a perusal of these pages. The attention of many readers will centre upon this part of the volume relating to the Indian troubles, but there is something of interest to be found on nearly every page. Among the many subjects referred to are, the allotment of lands, the location of roads, the description of the first settlers with the location of their estates, the military garrisons, the inn-holders, &c. &c. Genealogists will find the records of births, marriages and deaths, as well as the notes relating to the settlers, valuable for reference.

The labor of tracing early estates and homesteads is one which no one can understand who has not attempted it, but when accomplished it remains not only a source of gratification to the author, but of value to the town for all future years. Mr. Nourse accompanies his description with two maps, indicating clearly the location of the several estates. The notes of the compiler add much to an intelligent understanding of the annals and the various records, and an excellent index is supplied.

If this volume has as general a circulation as it deserves, it must do much to interest others in the history of their own towns, and lead to exertions for the accomplishment of similar results. Although many town histories have been published by authority of the several towns, yet very few have attempted to put in print their early records.

Boston, through its Record Commissioners, has in print ten or more volumes of its records (including those of Roxbury, Charlestown and Dorchester). Brookline has its one large volume of a similar character, and Worcester, through the enterprise of the Society of Antiquity, has the larger portion of its records printed in an excellent manner.

There remains a vast amount of this work to be done, and it appears to the writer that by judicious management in securing appropriations of money, many cities and towns might be favored with publications as valuable as the one before us.

The labor attending the preparation of such a work confirms the statements often made concerning the necessity of a complete and reliable index to all our public records and files.

*By Francis E. Blake, Esq., of Boston.*

*Report of the Commissioner of Education for the Year 1882-3.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1884. 8vo. pp. cccxiii.+872.

This book contains a valuable mass of statistics, and must have required an enormous amount of labor in its compilation. The Commissioner of Education, Gen. John Eaton, LL.D., shows by his labors the usefulness of the Bureau over which he presides. The bulky volume before us, like the reports of former years which have been noticed in these pages, is filled with matter showing the progress of education in this country, and pointing out ways in which the cause may be advanced.

It is gratifying to observe that among our many and varied institutions for instruction those of New England not only sustain their customary excellence but are making advances in the cause of learning. Harvard College, by wise management, is constantly adding to its laurels. It is rapidly becoming, what its friends desire it to be, a great university bearing the same relation to the people of these United States that Oxford does to our cousins in Great Britain. Whether the state owes anything to its citizens beyond a sound common school education is a question upon which able minds appear to differ. Perhaps a thorough elementary knowledge, supplemented by instruction in academies and colleges when desirable, is sufficient. The good of the state may not require (however different it may be with the individual) that each person shall receive the highest possible culture, for the majority of men, even if they were fitted for it, have neither the time nor the inclination to become scholars. We need workers in all branches of industry.

But perhaps even the seemingly useless men and women about town accomplish some good.

“ Nothing useless is, or low,  
Each thing in its place is best,  
And what seems but idle show,  
Strengthens and supports the rest.”

But most all good judges seem to be agreed on one thing, viz.: that the state is bound to see that every child is taught to read, write, cipher and spell; in short, enough “book learning” to make them good citizens. Observation and the study of human nature through personal contact with men will count for much. When a comparison is made between the intelligence of our own citizens and the gross ignorance of many in foreign lands, it cannot but prove an incentive to our youth of both sexes, not only to keep up but to improve on this good record. Doing this, will they not learn that knowledge is a pleasure in health, a solace in sickness, an ornament to youth, an assistance to manhood, and a blessing to age?

*By Daniel Rollins, Esq., of Boston.*

*Cavaliers and Roundheads in Barbados, 1650-1652.* By N. DARNELL DAVIS, Comptroller of Customs of British Guiana. Argosy Press, Demerara, 1883. 16mo. pp. 187.

This work, reprinted from the Demerara *Argosy*, is interesting not only for its minute account of the struggle of the adherents of Charles II. for the government of the Island, but for the general information regarding the methods of colonization and the introduction of useful plants and domestic animals in the West

Indies; the systems of planting cane and the process of sugar manufacture in its early infancy, are given; their Christian servants—felons from Newgate, English, Scotch and Irish prisoners taken in battle, are mentioned on pp. 51 and 52. This will remind those familiar with our own history of that time, of the arrival, early in 1652, of the Ship John and Sarah, with three hundred servants, all men with Scottish names, consigned for sale to Capt. Thomas Kemble, the proceeds to be invested in goods suitable to Barbadoes, and to be sent there, consigned to Charles Rich. (See REGISTER, i. 377.) New England transacted a large business with Barbadoes in the exchange of products for their mutual benefit, as well as of settling the balances of London merchants in the Barbadoes trade. Our families were branches of the same stock as those of that Island, and the references in wills, deeds and powers of attorney to the people of Barbadoes, are of frequent occurrence among our old families' papers. Among the earlier names we notice families of Saltonstall (cousin of our New England line), Middleton, Clarke, Browne, and a host of others whose names remind us of consanguinity.

The book describes the customs and costumes, gives statements of the population at various times, and is so well worth reading that we hope its author will give the history of other periods, with more fulness of family history.

*By John Coffin Jones Brown, Esq., of Boston.*

*Notes and Queries chiefly relating to the History of Dauphin County.* Edited by WILLIAM H. EGLE, M.D., M.A. Vol. I. Nos. 1 & 2. 4to. p. 144. (Harrisburg, Pa.) 1884.

Two numbers of this interesting work have been issued. Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, of which Harrisburg is the county seat as well as the capitol of the state, lies in a section of Pennsylvania that is singularly rich in historical matter. It was settled very early in the eighteenth century by a large immigration of the better sort of Scotch Irish, from the north of Ireland, with a goodly proportion of German Palatinates. The descendants of these early settlers will be found to-day among the leading citizens and statesmen of the United States. They have made up a large part of the military element of the country in all its wars, and they have left their mark on the development and civilization of all the middle and western states. Dr. Egle is an indefatigable worker; a careful and accurate historian. He has had access to the vast treasures of historical records in the State Archives; and has given the past few years of his life to the preservation of all that relates to the central part of Pennsylvania. He has already published the latest and most reliable "History of Pennsylvania," and has edited, jointly with Jno. B. Linn, Esq., the second series of the Archives of Pennsylvania in thirteen octavo volumes. He was selected a few years ago to write a "History of Dauphin County, Pa.," which was published by Everts & Co., of Philadelphia. The material collected for this purpose was too voluminous for the limits proposed by the publishers. The surplus matter being entirely from original records, and too valuable to be lost, has since been published by Dr. Egle in the Harrisburg Telegram, and reprinted in those numbers of Notes and Queries. The leading articles are Biographical, with histories and records of the famous Presbyterian Churches of *Paxtang*, *Derry* and *Hanover*, with numerous genealogies. As Dauphin County was the scene of early conflicts with the Indians, of the *Paxtang* massacre and the Buckshot war, in all of which its leading citizens took more or less part, the history of these churches is largely the history of the county. Although nearly half a century behind New England in her efforts to place in permanent shape the history of her early days, Pennsylvania is awakening rapidly to the necessities of the case, and is energetically following in the footsteps of her New England sisters in this direction. Ventures of this kind,—which in Dr. Egle's case is one purely of love and not of money,—deserve the support of all historical students.

*By the Rev. H. E. Hayden, of Wilkes Barre, Pa.*

*Reminiscences of Seven Years of Early Life.* By RICHARD S. SMITH. Wilmington, Del.: Ferris Bros., Printers. 1884. 12mo. pp. vi.+122. Sold by James Hammond, Church Book Store, 1224 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. The proceeds will be devoted to Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware Co., Pa.

Richard Somers Smith was born August 16, 1789, and died Feb. 28, 1884, at the venerable age of ninety-four. These Reminiscences were written in 1867 for the perusal of his godson, a youth of eleven years of age. They detail the history of seven years of Mr. Smith's early life, from his entry into a counting-room in Phil-

adelphia in April, 1806, to his return from Sweden in 1813. The last three years were spent in that country. They were eventful years in the history of Europe, and the larger part of the narrative is devoted to them. We obtain from these pages an interesting picture of Sweden in the early part of the present century. Appended is a sermon to his memory, preached in Calvary Church, Rockdale, Pa., of which he was the founder, June 29, 1884, by the Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, D.D., bishop of Delaware.

*Jean de Quayrats, Professeur de Chirurgie et de Pharmacie à Toulouse.* Par M. L. SAINT-CHARLES. 8vo. pp. 8.

This is a paper read before the Academy of Science, Belles-Lettres and Inscriptions, of Toulouse, by M. Leon St. Charles (REGISTER, xxxviii. 107), and published in the memoirs of the Academy. It is interesting and valuable for the evidence it exhibits of the difficulties attending the establishment of Professorships of Surgery in the great universities of France.

*By George A. Gordon, Esq., of Somerville, Mass.*

*Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, showing the Operations, Expenditures and Condition of the Institution for the year 1882.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1884. 8vo. pp. xviii. 555.

This volume is exceedingly valuable both as showing the increase of our national museum, and as a summary of the discoveries and progress of science as presented by the reports of the various departments. The secretary touches upon the needs of the institution, and states that "large and capacious as is the new museum building, it has proved already inadequate to the existing requirements of the National Museum." He also gives interesting accounts of recent scientific explorations in the polar regions and in other portions of the globe, and calls attention to the success of the experiment of employing naval cadets as assistants in the different departments of science. The reports and correspondence relating to astronomy, geography, meteorology, physics, chemistry, mineralogy, botany, zoology and anthropology, contain the most important papers, prepared by eminent investigators during the year, and form a most valuable collection. The department of anthropology is deserving of especial mention, as it contains a vast amount of new information concerning the mound builders and aboriginal races, and is enriched with a large number of illustrations of utensils, ornaments and portions of the skeletons of these tribes, who, if we accept scriptural and traditionary accounts, must have existed in the very earliest ages of the world.

The catalogue of donations and exchanges is well worthy of perusal, and evinces constant activity and enthusiasm on the part of the officers of the institution and its collectors. Limited space will not permit an extended notice of the volume, but suffice it to say, that it is a report which only the conditions existing in a wonderfully progressive and scientific age could produce.

*By George K. Clarke, Esq., of Needham, Mass.*

*Manual of the New Hampshire Senate. First 101 Years under the Constitution. From June 3, 1784, to June 3, 1885.* Manchester: Printed by John B. Clarke. 1884. 18mo. pp. 86.

The compiler of this work is the Hon. George C. Gilmore, of Manchester, N. H. He has here arranged, in three different lists, the senators who have served during the first century since the adoption of the constitution of New Hampshire in 1784. In the next list are found the senators who served in the several years; in the next they are alphabetically arranged; and in the last they are found under the names of the towns where they resided. Appended we have a list of the presidents of the senate, some explanatory notes, the constitution of the Senate Association, and a list of officers and members of that association. The manual will be found convenient and useful.

*Simple Note sur quelques artistes qui ont travaillé à Toulouse du xiv<sup>e</sup> au xvi<sup>e</sup> siècle.* 4to. pp. 14.

*Documents inédits concernant l'édit de pacification de 1568 et le régime des suspects à Toulouse.* Par M. ROSCHACH. 8vo. pp. 40.

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*Note sur trois lettres inédites du Cardinal de Richelieu, conservées au château de Pinsaguel.* Par M. ROSCHACH. 8vo. pp. 14.

*Rapport sur le concours de l'année 1879.* Par M. ROSCHACH. 8vo. pp. 11.

Four papers upon historical subjects read before the Academy of Sciences, Inscription and Belles Letters, at Toulouse, by their author, Mons. E. Roschach, a distinguished savant of that metropolitan city in the south of France. M. Roschach is leading editor of one of the chief public journals of the city; is keeper of the Toulouse Museum; is Archiviste of the Municipal rolls; besides being an influential member of the learned society whose seat is in that city. The fifth brochure is a résumé of the labors of one of the classes into which the society divides itself, and through which it performs so much and so important labors in the archæology, the history, the philology, the numismatics and the arts of what was anciently the powerful province of Languedoc.

It is very gratifying to receive these valuable historical pamphlets from the learned author. They enrich our library far more than the modest number of pages to which they extend would warrant. We take pride in recognizing the value of such contributions to history which it is the good fortune of the Toulouse Academy to command. If all the ancient provinces of France achieve, in research, a success equal to that of Languedoc, the history of France will have to be rewritten; so great is the light which is being shed upon the habits, customs and usages of the past.

By George A. Gordon, Esq., Somerville, Mass.

*Magazine of Western History. Illustrated.* No. 1. November, 1884. Cleveland, Ohio: 145 St. Clair Street. Small 4to. pp. 75. Price \$4 per year in advance; 50 cents per number.

This magazine is an important addition to the already large number of valuable historical publications. It is stated in the prospectus that "the purposes which the publication is intended to subserve are the promotion of historical studies in general and an increased familiarity with the history of the western portion of this country in particular." Also that "a department will be devoted to local history, in which county and town annals, and sketches of pioneer settlers and of representative men and women will have chief place." The opening article treats of the discovery of the Ohio River by La Salle, and while the records of his explorations are meagre, partly owing to the hostility of the Jesuit chroniclers, the subject is ably discussed, and all available sources of information are exhausted. The following article relates to the geographical history of Ohio, and contains interesting matter concerning the early French explorers. There is also a paper giving an account of the organization of the Ohio Land Company, with a portrait of Rufus Putnam, a citizen of Massachusetts.

There are also articles relating to the Indian occupation of Ohio, and to General Arthur St. Clair and his connection with the famous ordinance of 1787 for the government of the territory of the United States northwest of the river Ohio, which ordinance is printed in full. The last paper in the magazine is a very interesting one, and tells of Washington's first experience as a surveyor, when at the age of sixteen he undertook the survey of the wild territory on the eastern slope of the Alleghanies, then owned by his friend Lord Fairfax of Cameron, an eccentric man of sixty years of age, who had taken a liking to the boy and enjoyed his society. The publication is gotten up in the best manner, and contains in addition to the portrait of Putnam, one of St. Clair, and a picture of Washington on a surveying expedition.

By George K. Clarke, Esq., Needham, Mass.

*Obituary Record of the Graduates of Yale College deceased during the Academical Year ending June, 1884, including the Record of a few who died previously, hitherto unreported.* Presented at the Meeting of the Alumni, June 24, 1884. 8vo. pp. 59.

*Obituary Records of the Graduates of Dartmouth College and the Associated Institutions for the Year ending at Commencement, 1884.* By JOHN M. COMSTOCK, Statistical Secretary of the Association of the Alumni of Dartmouth College. Hanover, N. H.: Dartmouth Steam Press. 1884. 8vo. pp. 19.

*Alumni of Colby University. Obituary Record from 1877 to 1884. Supplement No. 3, including Notices of all Alumni whose decease has been learned from July, 1877, to July, 1884.* Cambridge: John Wilson & Son. 1884. 8vo. pp. 49.



These annual obituary records are valuable contributions to American biographical literature, and we wish that more of our colleges would follow the examples of Yale, Dartmouth, Colby and the few other institutions that now issue them.

Annual necrologies of Yale College have been compiled since 1842, and have been printed since 1860 (*REGISTER*, xiv. 375; xxvii. 480). They have therefore been prepared for forty-three and printed for twenty-five years. The first editor was Prof. James L. Kingsley, who prepared the record without an assistant for three years—1842, 1843 and 1844. Subsequently, till Prof. Kingsley's death, August, 1852 (with perhaps the exception of one year), the late Edward Claudius Herrick was associated with him. Mr. Herrick had sole charge of the work for the years 1853 to 1861 inclusive. He died June 11, 1862. Of the record for 1862, he collected fifty-seven of the sixty names, and wrote out the sketches of about twenty. The present editor is Prof. Franklin B. Dexter.

The Dartmouth Necrology has been annually issued since 1874. The first editor was Prof. Parker. Mr. Comstock's labors began in 1881. This necrology has a record of the deceased honorary graduates, which the Yale necrologies do not give.

The Colby Obituary Record was commenced in 1870. The record for that year contains all the deceased alumni of this university from 1823 to 1870, and was presented at its semi-centenary, August 2, 1870. Supplements have been issued in 1873, 1877 and 1884, the last of which is before us. The work has been compiled from the beginning by Prof. Charles E. Hamlin, of Cambridge, Mass.

*Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. Session 1881-82.*

Volume 34. Liverpool: Adam Holden, 48 Church Street. 1883. 8vo. pp. xvi. +152.

England is a land so old and so rich in historic details, that one can hardly open a volume of this kind without catching at once the flavor of antiquity. The names of the members of this society, more than two hundred in number, are given, and while a majority of them are familiar family names on this side the water; others, like Earwaker, Grazebrook, Odgers, McCorquodale, Coughtrey, are seldom or never heard among us.

The contents of this volume are, "Early Notices of Liverpool;" "The Mock Corporations of Sephton;" "Greek, Etruscan and Roman Antiquities in the Mayer Museum, Liverpool;" and "Notes on the History of Huyton, especially with reference to its Church." The last named is the longest of these articles, and was read before the society by F. T. Turton, January 12, 1882. It revives the memories and events of three hundred years ago in this old Lancashire parish.

In addition to these leading articles there are many short communications on matters of interest to such a society.

By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of West Newton, Mass.

*Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder.* S. M. Watson, Publisher, Public Library, Portland, Maine. 1884. Sm. 4to. Price \$9 a year or 60 cts. a number.

The price for vol. ii., commencing Jan. 1885, will be \$3 a year.

In April last the "Maine Genealogical Society" was organized at Portland (*REGISTER*, xxxviii. 348). It bids fair to be of much service in aiding the study of genealogy in Maine. A few months later the first number of the present magazine was issued by the secretary of that society, Stephen M. Watson, the librarian of the Portland Public Library. Though this publication seems to be a private enterprise, it will no doubt have the active assistance of the members of the Genealogical Society, and will materially advance its interests. There are to be four numbers in 1884 issued at irregular intervals, of which three had appeared when this sheet went to press. In 1885 the work will be issued quarterly in January, April, July and October. The three numbers before us are filled with valuable matter illustrating the history and genealogy of Maine. The leading article in No. 3 is "Recollections of Gen. King," who was the first governor of that state, collected and contributed by President Anderson of the Genealogical Society. It gives an interesting account of a remarkable man.

The suspension in 1878 of the "Maine Genealogist and Biographer," edited by William B. Lapham, M.D., has been much regretted. That work was commenced in September, 1876, and three annual volumes were issued. (*REGISTER*, xxx. 137, 487; xxxi. 44; xxxii. 116.) They showed how rich a field for genealogical research the Pine Tree state affords. We are glad to find a successor to the "Genealogist" with such good prospects as the magazine before us.

*A Genealogical Cross Index to the Four Volumes of the Genealogical Dictionary of James Savage.* By O. P. DEXTER, M.A., LL.B. New York: O. P. Dexter, P. O. Box 193. 1884. 8vo. pp. 38. Price \$1, including postage.

Mr. Dexter states in his preface that he was induced to prepare this index by finding that there was in Savage's Dictionary "a great deal more information about many families than could be found under the name." The writer of this had obtained this information in relation to Farmer's Genealogical Register many years ago; and when Mr. Savage's Dictionary was in press he strongly urged the author to cause such an index as Mr. Dexter has now given us to be prepared and appended to his last volume. A single glance at this work shows how much the index is needed. It contains all the surnames in the four volumes of Savage which are not found in their alphabetical places. The references number several thousand. The work will be welcomed by genealogists as a valuable aid.

*Outing and the Wheelman: an Illustrated Monthly Magazine of Recreation.* Vol. V. No. 3, December, 1884. Boston: The Wheelman Co., 175 Tremont Street. Imp. 8vo. Published monthly, pp. 80 each number. Price 20 cts. a number, or \$2 a year.

*Outing* and its predecessor *The Wheelman* have been noticed in these pages in previous years. The numbers for the year 1884, of which the last is before us, maintain the reputation which this periodical has gained. It is devoted to the interests of those who delight in out-door recreations, and is filled with tales, poetry, essays and sketches of travel, of high literary merit. Its illustrations are among the best specimens of wood engraving produced.

*History of the Ancient Ryedales and their Descendants in Normandy, Great Britain, Ireland and America, from 860 to 1884. Comprising the Genealogy and Biography for about One Thousand Years of the Families of Riddell, Riddle, Ridlon, Ridley, etc. Fully Illustrated with Engravings, of Portraits, Residences, Monuments, Coats-of-Arms and Autographs, on steel, stone and wood.* By G. T. RIDLON. Manchester, N. H.: Published by the Author. 1884. Royal 8vo. pp. 786. Price \$5.

*George Haycs of Windsor and his Descendants.* By the Rev. CHARLES W. HAYES, M.A., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Westfield, N. Y.; and corresponding member of the Historical Societies of Maine, Wisconsin and Buffalo, and of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Buffalo, N. Y.: Baker, Jones & Co. 1884. 8vo. pp. xxxiv.+320. Price \$5, including postage. Address Rev. C. W. Hayes, Westfield, N. Y., or J. W. Dean, 18 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass.

*Mann Memorial: a Record of the Mann Family in America. Genealogy of the Descendants of Richard Man of Scituate, Mass. Preceded by English Family Records and an Account of the Wrentham, Rehoboth, Boston, Lexington, Virginia and other Branches of the Manns who settled in this Country.* By GEORGE S. MANN. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1884. 8vo. pp. 251. Price \$3 on white paper cloth binding, or \$3.50 on tinted laid paper extra cloth binding.

*The Family Records of James and Nancy Dunham Tappan of the Fourth Generation formerly of Woodbridge, Middlesex County, N. J., and their Children of the Fifth Generation, . . . with their Descendants.* By PETER P. GOOD, LL.B., Member of the New Jersey Bar. Published by Samuel C. Tappan, Liberty, Union co., Ind. 1884. Royal 8vo. pp. 126.

*The Humphreys Family.* By FREDERICK HUMPHREYS, M.D., Assisted by OTIS M. HUMPHREYS, M.D., HENRY R. STILES, M.D., and MRS. SARAH M. CHURCHILL. New York: Humphreys Print. Part V. August, 1884. Imp. 4to. pp. 96. Price \$2 a number, or \$10 for the complete work.

*Genealogy and Family History of a Branch of the New England Upham Family settled in California, showing the Ancestors of Isaac Upham of San Francisco and others.* F. K. UPHAM. 1884. Published for Private Circulation. 12mo. pp. 17+1.

*Supplement to Genealogical Data respecting John Pickering of Portsmouth, N. H., and his Descendants.* By RICHARD HENRY EDDY. Boston: 1884. 8vo. pp. 28.

*Genealogy of some of the Descendants of John Webster of Ipswich, Mass., in 1635. The earlier families compiled by Wm. B. LAPHAM, M.D., and the later by J. O. WEBSTER, M.D. Augusta, Maine: Press of Charles E. Nash. 1884. 8vo. pp. 14.*

*Chronicles of the Hinsdale Family.* Compiled by ALBERT HINSDALE, in his Seventy-Third Year of his Age. Cleveland, O.: J. B. Savage, Printer. 1863. 12mo. pp. 31.

*Stephen Grover Cleveland: a Sketch of his Life. To which is appended a Short Account of Thomas Andrews Hendricks.* By DESHLER WELCH. New York: John W. Lovell Company. 1884. 12mo. pp. 222. Price 20 cts.

*Investigations concerning the Family of Baldwin of Ashton Clinton, Bucks.* By JOSEPH LEMUEL CHESTER, D.C.L., LL.D. Boston: Privately Printed. 1884. 8vo. pp. 28.

*The Underwood Families of Massachusetts.* 8vo. pp. 8. By Prof. LUCIEN M. UNDERWOOD, Ph.D., of Syracuse University.

*Wing Family.* By W. H. WHITMORE. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1884. 8vo. pp. 4.

We continue our quarterly notices of recently published genealogical works.

The author of the bulky volume on the Riddell, Riddle, Ridlon and Ridley families informs us in his introduction that he was interested in his family history while a boy. It is more than ten years since we first knew Rev. Mr. Ridlon as engaged in the preparation of this work. He has been persevering in his labors, and the result is a mass of information that is truly surprising about the families bearing the several names. They are found in every part of the union, and many persons of distinction represent them in these pages. The author has devoted much time to the investigation of the origin and early history of these names, and considerable space is given to the English portions of the work. The book is handsomely printed and profusely illustrated with engravings of a high order of merit. Portraits of thirty-nine persons, mostly on steel, are given, besides eight sheets of coats of arms and twenty chromo-lithographic views. There is a table of contents and an index of surnames.

The next book, "George Hayes of Windsor and his Descendants," is the completed work on which the Rev. Mr. Hayes, of Westfield, N. Y., has been many years engaged. In October, 1882, he published in the REGISTER a brief account of the early generations of this family, and the next spring he had printed for private circulation a fuller record of the first four generations, which work was noticed by us in July, 1883. The elegant volume before us does honor to the author. It is carefully compiled, clearly arranged and very thoroughly indexed. The table of contents is ingeniously arranged so that the ancestry and descent for three generations can be seen at a glance, while the reference to the number of the individual and the page where his family is found, is given clearly. The work is beautifully printed and illustrated by portraits of the author, of ex-President Hayes, and of others of the name. The edition printed was 250 copies, of which only twenty copies remain for sale.

The "Mann Memorial" is devoted chiefly to the descendants of Richard Man of Scituate, Mass., about five-sixths of the book being given to them. Prefixed are notices of English Manns, followed by sketches of the Manns of Waltham (REGISTER, xiii. 325-8, 364), Rehoboth, Boston, Lexington and Virginia, with records of others of the name not identified. The descendants of Richard Man are thoroughly traced, with full biographical details and precise dates. There is a good index. The work does credit to Mr. Mann, and shows that he is an able genealogist. We hope that he will give us other works of the kind equally praiseworthy. The book is handsomely printed by David Clapp & Son, and is illustrated by coats of arms, portraits of the author, of Hon. Horace Mann, and of several others of the name; and eighteen autographs.

The next book is devoted to the descendants of James Tappan of Woodbridge, N. J., son of Isaac,<sup>1</sup> and a grandson, through Isaac,<sup>2</sup> of Abraham Tappan of Newbury, Mass., the English ancestry of whom will be found in the REGISTER for January, 1879, and the early generations of whose descendants appear in the number for January, 1880. The members of this family are fully traced and the records precisely given. The book is handsomely printed with a broad margin, the alternate pages being left blank for additions and corrections. Judge Good, the author of the book, a grandson of James' Tappan, delivered an address at a family gathering, September 20, 1883, at Stone Bluff, Indiana, which is printed as an appendix.

The fifth part of "The Humphreys Family in America" is prepared and issued in the same excellent manner as the preceding parts noticed by us in January and July of last year.

Isaac Upham of San Francisco, to whose pedigree and family the next work is devoted, was a great-great-grandson of Josiah Upham of Weston, Mass., who is numbered 44 in Mr. Wyman's article on the Upham family in the REGISTER for April, 1869. The author is Capt. Frank Kidder Upham, 1st U. S. Cavalry, who contributed to the REGISTER for January, 1879, an interesting article on "The name of Upham in England." The immigrant ancestor of this family was John Upham, who, with his family, is found in the list of passengers from Weymouth, England, March 20, 1635, published in the REGISTER, Jan. 1871, pp. 13-15.

Mr. Eddy, the author of the next pamphlet, published early last year a work on the Pickering family, which was noticed by us in April last. The present work is a supplement to that, and contains information received since its issue. Mr. Eddy will present a copy of the supplement to all who have the original work.

The pamphlet on the descendants of John Webster of Ipswich relates to a family on which little has been written. Dr. Lapham does not need to be recommended to our readers, and Dr. Webster is a worthy co-worker with him. John Webster of Ipswich was at one time supposed to be the father of Thomas Webster of Hampton, N. H., the first ancestor in this country of the Hon. Daniel Webster; and he is so represented in a tabular pedigree in the REGISTER for Jan. 1853, p. 102. This is corrected in the number for April, 1855, p. 159. Thomas was a son of Thomas and Margery Webster of Ormsby, co. Norfolk, Eng.

The "Chronicles of the Hinsdale Family" was compiled in 1893 by the venerable author, who died August 14 of that year, aged 73 years, 27 days. Only a few months before his death he presented to each of his three sons a copy in his own hand-writing. One of these sons, Mr. Burke A. Hinsdale of Cleveland, Ohio, has caused it to be printed, with a continuation of the autobiography of his father, and other additions. The family is descended from Robert Hinsdale, an early settler of Dedham, Mass.

The work on lives of the President and Vice-President of the United States elect, was issued during the late presidential campaign, and seems to be carefully compiled. It contains a chapter on "The Cleveland Family" prepared by Edmund J. Cleveland, Esq., of Elizabeth, N. J., who has for several years been engaged in preparing a genealogy of the Clevelands (REG. xxxvi. 86). It may be relied upon as accurate.

Col. Chester's investigations concerning the Baldwins of Ashton Clinton appeared last year in the April, July and October numbers of the REGISTER. They are reprinted at the expense of G. W. Baldwin, Esq., for whom the researches were made. The work shows the conscientiousness and the marvellous thoroughness with which the lamented author pursued his researches.

The last two pamphlets, on the Underwood and Wing families, are also reprints from the REGISTER.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO NOV. 1, 1884.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

Loss of the Essex, destroyed by a whale, with an account of the sufferings of the crew, who were driven to extreme measures to sustain life. By R. B. Forbes. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1884. 8vo. pp. 14.

Notes on Navigation. By R. B. Forbes. Boston: James F. Cotter, Printer, 165 Devonshire Street. 1884. 8vo. pp. 47.

A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing the Records of Boston Selectmen, 1701-1715. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, No. 39 Arch Street. 1884. 8vo. pp. 272.

The Scientific Basis of Tariff Legislation. By Carroll D. Wright, A.M. From the Journal of Social Science for 1884. Boston: Cupples, Upham and Co., Publishers. 1884. 8vo. pp. 20.

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Settlement of the Rev. E. B. Wilson over the North Church and Society in Salem, Massachusetts, commemorated June, 1884. Salem: Printed for the Society. 1884. 8vo. pp. 52.

Incidents of the First and Second Settlements of Worcester. By Francis E. Blake. Worcester, Mass. Private Press of Franklin P. Rice. 1884. 8vo. pp. 31.

Why the early Inhabitants of Vermont disclaimed the Jurisdiction of New York and established an independent government. An address delivered before the New York Historical Society December 4th, 1860. By Hiland Hall. Bennington, Vt. : C. A. Peirce and Company, Printers, 1872, and reprinted 1884. 8vo. pp. 14.

In Memoriam. Israel Washburn, Jr., born June 6, 1813, died May 12, 1883. Privately printed. 1884. 8vo. pp. 148.

The Life and Services of Ex-Governor Charles Jones Jenkins. A memorial address by Charles Colcock Jones, Jr., LL.D. Atlanta, Ga. : Jas. P. Morrison and Co., Printers and Binders. 1884. 8vo. pp. 56.

Notes on Tithing-men and the Ballot in Massachusetts, by George H. Moore, LL.D. (From the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society.) Worcester, Mass. : Press of Chas. Hamilton, 311 Main Street. 1884. 8vo. pp. 14.

Notes upon the Codex Ramirez, with a translation of the same, by Henry Phillips, Jr. (Read before the American Philosophical Society, Oct. 19, 1883.) 8vo. pp. 615-651.

American Statistical Association. Boston's Trade and Commerce for forty years, 1844-1884. By Hamilton Andrews Hill, A.M., a member of the Association. Boston: Press of T. R. Marvin and Son. 1884. 8vo. pp. 20.

The Working Girls of Boston. [From the fifteenth annual report of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor.] By Carroll D. Wright, chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Boston: Wright and Potter Printing Co., State Printers, 18 Post Office Square. 1884.

A Memorial of Mrs. Christian Crawford Thomson, Mrs. Margaretta P. Thomson and Prof. Henry Rossman Thomson. By Joseph F. Tuttle. Indianapolis: Carlton and Hollenbeck, Printers and Binders. 1884. 8vo. pp. 21.

Groton, Massachusetts, 1884. Historical Series. No. I. Reminiscences of Groton during the years 1823 and 1824. No. II. During the years 1826 and 1827. No. III. Groton during Shays's Rebellion. 8vo. pp. 15.

## II. Other Publications.

Services of Memorial Day, held in Canton, May 30, 1884, under the auspices of Revere Encampment Post 94 Grand Army of the Republic. Canton: William Bense, Printer. 1884. 8vo. pp. 36.

Historical Sketch of the Narragansett Baptist Association, Rhode Island, 1860-1884. Prepared by George B. Peck, A.M., M.D., clerk of the Association. Providence: Providence Press Company, Book Printers. 1884. 8vo. Fcp. 15.

Collections of the Surrey Archæological Society. Vol. VIII. Parts I. and II. London: Printed by Wyman and Sons for the Surrey Archæological Society, 8 Dane's Inn, Strand, W. C. 1881 and 1883. 8vo.

Historical Sketch of the Worcester County Memorial Association, by Samuel E. Staples. Worcester, Mass.: Private Press of Franklin P. Rice. 8vo. pp. 26.

Exercises at the Laying of the Corner Stones of the Rollins Chapel and of Wilson Hall, Dartmouth College, June 25, 1884. 8vo. pp. 32.

On Stone Implements in Asia. By Prof. Heinrich Fischer, Freiburg Baden. From Proceedings of American Antiquarian Society, April 30, 1884. Worcester, Mass., U.S.A. Printed by Charles Hamilton, No. 311 Main Street. 1884. 8vo. pp. 29.

In Memory of Charles O'Connor. Report of a meeting of the Bar of the Courts of the State of New York and of the United States for the second Circuit. Held in the City of New York on Friday, May 23d, 1884. Large 8vo. pp. 49.

Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Quarterly Communication, September 10, 1884. Boston: Press of Rockwell and Churchill, No. 39 Arch Street. 1884. 8vo. pp. 124.

Transactions of the Royal Historical Society. New Series. Vol. II. Part II. London: Longmans, Green and Co. 1884. 8vo. pp. 223.

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, 1884. Minutes of the eighty-second Annual Meeting, North Adams, June 17-19, with the statistics. Boston: Congregational Publishing Society, Congregational House. 1884. 8vo. pp. 140.

Vol. III. New Series. Part. 2. Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society at the semi-annual meeting held at Boston April 3d, 1884. Worcester: Press of Charles Hamilton, 311 Main Street. 1884. 8vo. pp. 210.

Alumni of Colby University. Obituary Record from 1870 to 1873. Supplement No. 1, including notices of all alumni whose decease has been learned from July, 1870, to July, 1873. Waterville: Printed for the Alumni. 1873. 8vo. pp. 15.

History of Chicago from the earliest period to the present time, in three volumes. Vol. I., ending with the year 1857. By A. T. Andreas. Chicago: A. T. Andreas, Publisher. 1884. Large quar. pp. 648.

Cavaliers and Roundheads in Barbados, 1650-1652. Reprinted for private circulation from the Demerara "Argosy." Argosy Press, Demerara. 1883. 12mo. pp. 186.

The Huguenot Society of America. Abstract of proceedings. No. One. Printed for the Society by authority of the Executive Committee. New York City. 8vo. pp. 66.

October, 1884. Harvard University Bulletin. No. 29, or Vol. 111, No. 6. 8vo. pp. 314-374.

Outline of History and Dedication of the Sawyer Free Library of Gloucester, Mass., Tuesday, July 1, 1884. Sermons, Press Notices, etc. Gloucester: Cape Ann Bulletin Steam Book and Job Print. 1884. 8vo. pp. 96.

Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Massachusetts. May, A.D. 1884. Printed for the Convention by Rand, Avery and Co. 1884. 8vo. pp. 28.

A Memorial of Wendell Phillips from the City of Boston. Boston: Printed by order of the City Council. 1884. pp. 70.

In Memory of Hon. Hartley Williams. Died at Worcester, Mass., August 17, 1882. Worcester: Press of Clark Jilson. 1883. 8vo. pp. 26.

Thirty-second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Boston Public Library. 1884. 8vo. pp. 66.

Medical Communications of the Massachusetts Medical Society. Vol. XIII. No. III. 1884. Boston: Printed by David Clapp & Son, 35 Bedford Street. 1884. 8vo. pp. 120.

Triennial Catalogue and Directory of the Massachusetts Medical Society. 1884. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers, 35 Bedford Street. 1884. 8vo. pp. 93.

Captain Richard Ingle, the Maryland "Pirate and Rebel," 1642-1653. A paper read before the Maryland Historical Society, May 12th, 1884, by Edward Ingle, A.B. Baltimore. 1884. 8vo. pp. 63.

Archives of Maryland, Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland; April, 1666—June, 1676. Published by authority of the State, under the direction of the Maryland Historical Society. William Hand Browne, Editor, Baltimore. Maryland Society. 1884. 4to. pp. 585.

Memorial of John Harvard, the gift to Harvard University of Samuel James Bridge. Ceremonies at the unveiling of the Statue, Oct. 15, 1884, with an address by George Edward Ellis. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1884. 8vo. pp. 19.

Proceedings of the Rutland County Historical Society, August 26, 1882, January 18, 1883, August 3, 1883, December 6, 1883, August 6, 1884. 8vo. pp. 61-78.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Colby University for the Academic Year 1884-85. Waterville, Maine: Printed for the University. 1884. 8vo. pp. 46.

Bulletin of the Essex Institute. Vol. 15, Nos. 7, 8, 9. Vol. 16, Nos. 4, 5, 6. 8vo. pp. 60-110.

Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society, 2d Series. Vol. VIII. 1884. No. 2. 8vo. pp. 48-89.

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record. Devoted to the Interests of American Genealogy and Biography. Issued quarterly. Vol. XV. 1884. Published for the Society. Mott Memorial Hall, No. 64 Madison Avenue. New York City. 8vo. pp. 190.

The Universalist Quarterly and General Review. Thomas B. Thayer, D.D., Editor. New Series. Volume XXI. Boston Universalist Publishing House. 1884. 8vo. pp. 612.

Outing and the Wheelman. An Illustrated Magazine of Recreation. Vol. V. The Wheelman Co., 175 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass. 8vo. pp. 242.

The New Englander. Volume VII., New Series. Volume XLII., Complete Series. New Haven, William L. Kingsley, Proprietor. Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor, Printers. 1884. 8vo. pp. 864.

Education. An International Magazine. Devoted to the Science, Art, Philosophy and Literature of Education. Thomas W. Bicknell, Conductor. Vol. V. Boston: New England Publishing Co. 1884. 8vo. pp. 224.

The American Catholic Quarterly Review. Volume IX. From January to October, 1884. Philadelphia: Hardy and Mahoney, Publishers and Proprietors, 505 Chestnut St. 8vo. pp. 768.

The Antiquarian Magazine and Bibliographer. Edited by Edward Walford, M.A. Vol. VI. July to December, 1884. London: David Bogue, 27 King William Street, Charing Cross, W. C. 8vo. pp. 204.

Magazine of American History with Notes and Queries. Illustrated. Edited by Mrs. Martha J. Lamb. Vol. XII. July—December, 1884. 30 Lafayette Place, New York City. pp. 583.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ANDOVER, ENGLAND.—I was staying a few weeks ago at Andover, Hants, with a friend who has unearthed the ancient records of that borough which extend back at least as early as the reign of Henry III. Most of the documents I saw were thirteenth century guild rolls, containing a vast amount of personal information relating to ancient Andover. As many of the early settlers of Massachusetts came from Hampshire, the value of these documents for elucidating the history of many of the New England families is obvious. I believe it is under the consideration of the town council of Andover, whether these documents shall not be printed, as they feel that they are too valuable for any further risk to be undergone. I think the expense of doing this causes the council to hesitate, for Andover is but a small town. It occurs to me that as this proposal is one of equal interest to America, perhaps some persons there might be disposed to assist.

W. P. W. PHILLIMORE.

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RHODE ISLAND FAMILIES.—The publishers of the Rhode Island Historical Magazine, Newport, R. I., have opened a Register wherein to record the addresses of all those who are compiling genealogies of Rhode Island families, and those who have records relating to them, or are otherwise interested in the genealogy of that state. Circulars of family reunions and genealogical works are filed as received.

COLLECTIONS OF THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—The seventh volume of the Collections is in press. Subscription price \$1.50 for one copy to members, and \$2.50 to other persons or to members for additional copies.

THE VISITATION OF SOMERSET IN 1531 AND 1573. Edited by the Rev. F. W. Weaver, M.A., Magd. Coll., Oxford, member of the Harleian Society.—This book is in press, and will be completed early in 1885. It is not a mere copy of the Visitations, but it contains many notes and references to Collinson's "Somerset," Hoare's "Wilts," Hutchins's "Dorset," Westcoote's "Devon," and to the Visitations of those Counties, and also some pedigrees from Sir Thomas Phillipps's "Visitations of Somerset," a very scarce book. In nearly all cases the Editor has given the *parish* where a Manor may be found. Price to subscribers in America 13 shillings, post free, if early application is made. Address Rev. F. W. Weaver, Milton Vicarage, Evercreech, Bath, England.

GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think will be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from college or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of birth, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

*Goodricke.* By C. A. Goodricke, Esq., 34 Alkham Road, Stamford Hill, London (N.) England.—Mr. Goodricke has ready for the press a work entitled "Records of the Family of Goodricke of Lincolnshire; Ely, co. Cambridge; Norfolk; and Yorkshire, 15th Century to the Present Time." Only a limited number of copies, sufficient to cover the cost of production, will be printed. Subscribers should apply early, as the list will be closed when the requisite number is obtained. The volume will be a superroyal octavo, and will be illustrated with portraits, views and arms. Price one guinea. It will contain in addition to pedigrees and genealogical and historical accounts of all the known branches of the Goodricke family, a collection of upwards of fifty family wills, administrations and *inquisitiones post mortem*, of which about twenty-five will be printed "in extenso."

*The Dorchester Popes.*—Col. William Pope, late of this city, published in 1862 a sketch of his "Ancestors and Descendants," including a good amount of matter pertaining to the general family of which he was an honored member. A very small number of copies was printed, and the edition is nearly exhausted. But the very extensive membership of the family has seemed to demand a "Pope Book" of wider scope; and the increased facilities for genealogical research open the way for more critical and extended analysis of the early history of the subject, the biography of the first and second generations in this country; the English origin of the family; the relation of the various immigrants by the name, and other matters. Rev. Charles Henry Pope, of Farmington, Maine (Bowdoin College 1862, Bangor Theological Seminary 1865), has this book in hand now, and is pushing it as rapidly as his leisure will allow.

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**LOCAL HISTORIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons having facts or documents relating to any of these cities, towns, counties, etc., are advised to send them at once to the persons engaged in writing the several histories.

*Farmington, Maine.*—In 1846 the late Judge Thomas Parker published a brief and limited, yet very creditable sketch of the above town and its early inhabitants; but had little material and no helps for the task. At present, Francis Gould Butler, Esq., is engaged in preparing a full and compendious history of the town, having the assistance of Miss Mittie B. Fairbanks in the genealogical department. The work is well in hand, and publication may be looked for at no distant day.

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### The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register

Contains, besides these "Book Notices," a variety of valuable and interesting matter concerning the History, Antiquities, Genealogy and Biography of America. It was commenced in 1847, and is the oldest historical periodical now published in this country. It is issued quarterly (each number containing at least 96 octavo pages, with a portrait on steel) by the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, 18 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass. Price, \$3 per annum in advance. Single numbers, 75 cents each.



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*From the late Col. Joseph L. Chester, LL.D., D.C.L., of London, England.*—"To me the work, of which I possess a complete set, is invaluable. I consult it constantly, not only for matters relating directly to Americans, but also in reference to English families of the seventeenth century, concerning whom these volumes contain a vast amount of information not to be found elsewhere. There are no books in my library that I would not sooner part with than my set of the REGISTER."

*From the Hon. J. Hammond Trumbull, LL.D., Hartford, Conn., Pres't of the Conn. Hist. Soc.*—"Almost every week I find occasion to search the indexes for historical or genealogical material not to be found elsewhere, and which, but for the REGISTER, would not have been preserved. The promises of its projectors have been more than fulfilled. Every succeeding volume enhances the value of the series as a work of reference. To students it is no longer merely a convenience; it has become a necessity."

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*From George W. Marshall, LL.D., F.S.A. of London, England.*—"I think I am acquainted with every publication of the kind, and I have no hesitation in saying that in my opinion the REGISTER is by far the best genealogical magazine I have ever met with."

*From the Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., Dover, N.H.*—"A single old document, recently discovered and published in the REGISTER, I should have counted cheap at the cost of the whole set."

*From the Hon. Chas. H. Bell, LL.D., President of the New-Hampshire Historical Society.*—"There is scarcely a work in the library of a historical reader which could not be spared with less inconvenience."

*From the Hon. Hiland Hall, LL.D., No. Bennington, Vt.*—"It is an interesting as well as valuable periodical repository of historical and genealogical information."

*From Harper's Magazine.*—"It is an admirable repository of those family facts and details which are always interesting and useful, and an agreeable miscellany of all kinds of historical and antiquarian information. It has active assistance from historical and family students in all parts of the country."

*From Notes and Queries (London).*—"Many of the papers are as interesting and important to English as to American readers, as they contain valuable details respecting several Anglo-American families probably not to be obtained elsewhere."

*From the Western Christian Advocate (Cincinnati).*—"It is the oldest work of the kind in the world, and yet is ever fresh and valuable. It is also one of the very few publications that increase in pecuniary value as they grow in age, every successive volume having a value, for permanent preservation, greater than the subscription price."

*From the Boston Daily Advertiser.*—"We heartily recommend the REGISTER to all who are interested in historical studies."

*From the Danville (Va.) Times.*—"Its pages are a continued conservatory of original documentary matter of the past, of inestimable value to the historian, and of deep interest to the general reader, presenting vividly successive pictures and phases of the varying manners, customs and traits of our forefathers, thereby furnishing a key to our national progress."

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THE EDITOR requests persons sending books for notice to state, for the information of readers, the price of each book, with the amount to be added for postage when sent by mail.

*History of Paris, Maine, from its Settlement to 1880, with a History of the Grants of 1736 and 1771, together with Personal Sketches, a copious Genealogical Register, and an Appendix.* By WM. B. LAPHAM and SILAS P. MAXIM. Paris, Me. : Printed for the Authors. 1884. 8vo. pp. 816. Price \$4. Sold by George E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

This volume well illustrates the great progress that has been made in the department of local history. A few years since a book of more than 800 pages, devoted to the history of an ancient and populous town, would have been considered a most exhaustive and complete work, but here we have such a book giving the history and events of a town incorporated less than a century ago, and with a population never exceeding 3000 persons. This town has however been the birthplace, or residence, of an unusually large number of men prominent in the history of the state and nation, including among its citizens a senator and vice-president of the United States, Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, four governors of Maine, and not less than twelve representatives to congress.

The early portion of the book gives a valuable account of land grants in Maine, and of the contest among the settlers in regard to an act of incorporation, which was finally obtained from the legislature in 1793. Brief notices are introduced of the original grantees of 1735-6 and 1771, and an account of some of the earliest purchasers from them, and it appears that many of the settlers came from Newton, Roxbury, Waltham and vicinity, the well-known families of Jackson, Hyde, Coolidge and Fuller being represented. The annals of the town, taken largely from the town records, occupy pages 90-200, and this is followed by an elaborate account of the Centennial Celebration in 1879, of the hundredth year since the actual settlement of the township. Very interesting notices are given later in the book of the different churches and their ministers, of the newspapers and post-offices, and

also a large number of biographical sketches of prominent citizens, or natives of the town, including men of all professions. The remaining portion of the work is devoted to the genealogies, which fill nearly 300 pages, and form a most valuable collection of family history, the authors having given much time to perfecting these records by examining all available sources of information.

The volume is illustrated with many portraits and views, and the authors, Messrs. Maxim and Lapham, are to be congratulated upon the production of a town history of which the sons and daughters of Paris may well be proud.

The typographical work has been performed in the most satisfactory manner, and the book is most creditable in all respects.

*By George K. Clarke, LL. B. of Needham, Mass.*

*Centennial Volume of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., 1784-1884.* Pittsburgh: Wm. G. Johnson & Co., Printers. 1884. 8vo. pp. 259.

At first sight this volume appears to be of interest only to the inhabitants of Pittsburgh and its vicinity. It is, however, of national importance as depicting the results of the Scotch-Irish immigration into one section of our country. Every one who is familiar with history will probably admit that these noble and hard-working people did more to build up our nation than the natives of any other country, excepting of course those of England, to whom we are, under God, indebted for our rise and growth as a nation. They were a kind-hearted and open-handed people. They meant well and did well. They were quick to resent a wrong and equally ready to do a favor. In a word, they seem to have had most of the requisites for the making of good colonists. At any rate, our development would hardly be what it is at present had we lacked their patient and plodding industry.

The book before us contains the historical discourse and other proceedings at the centenary celebration, April 13th to 15th, 1884, of the organization of that church, and a valuable appendix. It has portraits of several of the pastors of the First Church—Rev. Samuel Barr, Rev. Francis Herron, D.D., Rev. William Paxton, D.D., and Rev. Sylvester F. Scovil.

The typography and binding of the book are good.

*By Daniel Rollins, Esq., of Boston.*

*Universalism in America, its History.* By RICHARD EDDY, D.D., President of the Universalist Historical Society; Member and late Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; and Member of the Rhode Island Historical Society. Vol. I. 1636-1800. Boston: Universalist Publishing House. 1884. 8vo. pp. 554. \$1.50.

The history of religious denominations and the doctrines which may characterize them, is a literature to be encouraged. The English speaking people have been given to *isms*. Controversy betokening theological activity has arisen in every generation. Amidst the controversy, doctrines upon various phases of Christian thought have been made prominent. The strength of Protestantism lies in the active life of its students and men of influence. Universalism is defined as the doctrine of the final holiness of all men through the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. This doctrine the author claims has been held and defended in some form in all the Christian ages. Hosea Ballou, 2d, D.D., wrote "The Ancient History of Universalism;" and Thomas Whittemore "The Modern History of Universalism." Dr. Eddy has only a brief word regarding the ancient history by way of introduction; and occupies a similar ground to that of the latter book, though giving a deeper research into the subject than was possible half a century ago. This first volume traces the doctrine from 1636 to 1800; a later volume to give the history to the present time. "Universalism came to America through at least five channels, independent of the teachings of John Murray, who is commonly called the Father of Universalism in the New World:" the Mystics; the Dunkers, or German Baptists, or as they wish to be called, Brethren; the Moravians; the Episcopalians and the Congregationalists. Under the Mystics the author cites the famous Samuel Gorton; Sir Harry Vane; Joseph Gatchell of Marblehead, whose faith was brought in question as per Suffolk Court files, the author quoting the researches of Dr. H. F. Waters, REGISTER, xxxiii. p. 352; Dr. George De Benneville of Pennsylvania, and Thomas Say, philanthropist, and member of the Society of Friends. In each of these "channels" Dr. Eddy finds persons of prominence who have held the doctrine, and who have been more or less outspoken in its advocacy. A full

and discriminating account is given of John Murray, of his embracing the doctrines of Kelley, his coming to America, his meeting with Potter, and of his preaching throughout New England, and of his settlements in Gloucester and Boston. His contemporaries—Revs. Noah Parker, Adams Streeter, Caleb Rich and Elhanan Winchester, and Shippie Townsend and Dr. Isaac Davis are mentioned, together with many others, as active in proclaiming the doctrine in New England; while in New York and Pennsylvania the services of Rev. Abel Serjent, Dr. Benjamin Rush, Dr. Joseph Young and others are given a good degree of attention. Hosea Ballou began preaching in 1791, and came to be a preacher of acknowledged influence. In 1805 he published his treatise on the Atonement, the first outspoken book declaring the unity of God.

A second volume is to follow this, which will treat of Sunday Schools, Educational Institutions, Hymnology and Periodical Literature. This later volume will also contain a Bibliography of books and pamphlets published in America, either for or against the doctrine of Universalism. The author requests copies or title-pages of all such books.

This history shows that Dr. Eddy has a terse and happy expression, and that he is no novice in gleanng the essential facts of an incident. These are requisites for a historical writer. Among the several histories of religious denominations which have appeared of late, this one compares favorably in matter, research and literary finish.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Amesbury, Mass.*

*Giornale degli Eruditi e dei Curiosi, Premiato dal R. Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione con due sussidi di incoraggiamento.* FERRO GIUSEPPE, gerente responsabile. Padova: Alla Direzione del Giornale Riviera Businello N. 4055, 8vo. Subscription price, 20 lire (\$4) a year.

This is a semi-monthly periodical which was commenced in November, 1882, and which was noticed by us in January, 1883. Four volumes have been completed, and a fifth volume was commenced on the 15th of November last. It is published at Padua, renowned as the birthplace of Livy the historian, and Belzoni the traveller; and the seat of the oldest medical college in Europe. The *Giornale* is conducted on much the same plan as the English *Notes and Queries* and the French *Intermédiaire*. It has increased from a single sheet, in the early numbers, to two, three, and sometimes four in the later ones.

So plenty are learned men and great scholars in Italy, and so numerous and accessible are old libraries, filled with books and manuscripts, oldest and rarest of all eras, that the convenience of this periodical was recognized at once. The early numbers were remarkable, to us, for the quantity of scraps of humorous literature which they exhibited—mottoes, proverbs, verses—very witty and very juicy. Gradually a staff of correspondents have illumined the pages of the *Giornale*, on recon-dite and valuable subjects of History, Biography, Bibliography, Geography, Ethnography, Archæology, some Genealogy and Heraldry, much Literature and Literary History, Philosophy and Science, till it has become an authority on Uses and Customs, Traditions and Legends, Opinions and Folk-Lore of Italy and the various races that have peopled that country.

*By George A. Gordon, Esq., of Somerville, Mass.*

*A Memorial of Rev. Warren H. Cudworth.* By his Sister [A. M. CUDWORTH]. With Portrait. Boston: D. Lothrop and Company. 1884. 12mo. pp. 360. Price \$1.50. For sale by D. Lothrop & Co., corner of Franklin and Hawley Sts., at the Unitarian Rooms, No. 7 Tremont Place, and by the author, No. 3 Wesley Street, East Boston, Mass.

The writer of this volume, the much-loved sister of Warren H. Cudworth, has wisely given us a biography that is unconsciously but beautifully an autobiography, so that from a description of the deeds performed, the letters written, the words spoken, the honors received, each reader can easily ascertain the nobility of Cudworth's character; can thankfully detect the enthusiasm, love, truthfulness and faith that glorified his life from boyhood till the time he went to God.

Miss Cudworth is to be heartily congratulated on having such a subject on which to write, and all readers of her volume should be grateful that such a life has been recorded.

If we were asked to give at short hand a description of Mr. Cudworth, we should say, he was honest, earnest and pure, self-sacrificing, brave, forgiving and indus-

trious; a true child of God; a true friend of man; whose motto was duty, whose aim was heaven, whose spirit was filled with the beauty of holiness!

By C. D. Bradlee, of Boston.

*Views from Cedar Mountain, Present, Retrospective, and Prospective.* By Rev. PHILIP SLAUGHTER, D.D. In the Seventy-sixth year of his Age, and the Fiftieth year of his Ministry and of his Marriage. Privately printed. 1884. pp. 15.

We are indebted to the venerable author for a copy of this charming description of one of the most picturesque portions of Virginia, with an account of the historical events and personages associated with the region. "The Eastern view from Cedar (or Slaughter's) Mountain overlooks the valleys of the Cedar Run and of the Rapid Ann rivers, which meet, and, blending into one, stretch away toward the north and the south branches of the Rappahannock, including what in old times was called the 'Great Fork,' but is now known by the name of Chinquapin Neck." Cedar Run was the scene of the battle between Gen. Jackson and Gen. Pope in August, 1862; and not far distant, on the Rapid Ann, occurred the battles of Mine Run, the Wilderness, and Chancellorsville. The northern view likewise presents a wide-reaching and grand landscape of mountain and valley. The whole region is also interesting for its historical associations, extending to an early period in the annals of Virginia. It was at Germanna, near Cedar Mountain, that Sir Alexander Spotswood located, in 1714, his iron *furnace*, the first established in Virginia, and it is said, the first in America. In this region, too, was the famous Claverdale Academy, established by Captain Philip Slaughter on one of his farms in 1816, and in which not a few of the most eminent Virginians of the early part of this century were educated. Not the least interesting part of this pamphlet is that in which the author gives his reminiscences of the parishes, churches and clergy, with whom in his early and distinguished career he has been connected. This region of Virginia, lately ravaged by war, is destined at no very distant day, we may not doubt, to attract the tourist, as well as to become the abode of men and women who shall seek to find a dwelling-place and home in the midst of beautiful scenery, and in a salubrious climate.

By Albert H. Hoyt, A.M., of Boston.

*The Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft. History of Mexico.* Vol. I. 1516—1521. San Francisco: A. L. Bancroft & Company, Publishers. 1883. 8vo. pp. cxii.+702. Vol. II. 1521—1600. 8vo. pp. xiv.+790. Price per volume, in cloth, \$4.50, in library style, \$5.50; in half calf, half russia or half turkey, \$8.00; in russia leather or tree calf, \$10.00. Sold only by subscription and in complete sets, and delivered free of all expense, payable on delivery.

Mr. Hubert Howe Bancroft, of San Francisco, has been for some years writing history on a scale truly gigantic. He has many helpers and subordinate workers, but his mind gives impress and shape to the whole.

The central title which covers this large undertaking is, "The History of the Pacific States." But this comprehensive title, subdivided into its details, means thirty-nine octavo volumes of about eight hundred pages each. From one to five of the volumes are in a sense preliminary, and are entitled "Native Races of the Pacific States." Six to eight cover the "History of Central America;" nine to fourteen, the "History of Mexico;" fifteen and sixteen, "History of the North Mexican States and Texas;" seventeen embraces the "History of Arizona and New Mexico;" eighteen to twenty-four, the "History of California;" twenty-five, "History of Nevada, Wyoming and Colorado;" twenty-six, "History of Utah;" twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth, "History of the Northwest Coast;" twenty-ninth and thirtieth, "History of Oregon;" thirty-one, "History of Washington, Idaho and Montana;" thirty-second, "History of British Columbia;" thirty-third, "History of Alaska;" thirty-fourth, "California Pastoral;" thirty-five, "California inter Pocula;" thirty-six and thirty-seven, "Popular Tribunals;" thirty-eight, "Essays and Miscellany;" thirty-nine, "Literary Industries."

In this large scheme of publication fifteen volumes have already been completed and given to the public, and others are in various stages of forwardness.

At first thought one might suppose that a scheme like this must be that of a dreamer or literary adventurer who would lack the ability and culture to carry out the plan. But if any one will open one of these published volumes and read a few pages, he will discover that the author, with whom he has to do, is not a pretender. Though it may be true that the style of the work is not altogether so refined and

scholarly as may be found in some historical works of smaller range, yet he will soon discover that these volumes are the results of a vast scholarly industry and care.

The two volumes before us, the ninth and tenth volumes of Mr. Bancroft's work, embrace the "History of Mexico" from the year 1516 to 1600; and include of course the exciting stories of the Spanish Conquest of Mexico under Cortes, which has been so graphically traced by Prescott. In writing his volumes on Mexico, Mr. Bancroft in his first volume gives us a list of between 3000 and 4000 volumes which he has used for reference, mainly Spanish, but many English and American.

In carrying out his far-reaching plan Mr. Bancroft has already expended more than \$600,000, including the collection of an immense private library, and the erection of a large fire-proof building in San Francisco for its safe keeping.

*By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of Newton, Mass.*

*New England's Vindication.* By HENRY GARDINER. Edited, with Notes, by CHARLES EDWARD BANKS, M.D. London, 1660. Printed for the Gorges Society, Portland, Maine, 1884. pp. 83.

Our historical friends in Maine evince commendable enterprise. Their newly formed Gorges Society has lost no time in sending forth a specimen of its handiwork, and one creditable in execution and affording cheering promise for the future.

The tract which forms the groundwork of the present volume is not, indeed, of first-rate interest or importance, in itself; though it comes fully within the scope of the Society's plan, and is peculiarly adapted to receive historical annotation. Its purport is to describe to the restored king, Charles II., the oppressions to which his loyal subjects were exposed at the hands of the authorities of the puritan colonies in New England. In doing this the author passes in review many of the early settlements on the eastern coast; among them that of the Popham Colony at Sagadahoc, the fate of which he describes in terms much the same as those used by Samuel Maverick in his lately discovered Description of New England; which is certainly one of the most valuable recent contributions to our early history.

The notes, by Dr. Banks, treat of a variety of topics connected with the early settlements of New England, and indicate a thorough familiarity with the subject. They bear the marks of careful research and freedom from undue bias,—the true spirit of the model historian.

The volume is comely in thick paper and handsome typography, and contains a heliotype fac simile of the title-page of the original work.

One the whole, we heartily congratulate the Gorges Society on the success of its first venture in the field of historical literature.

The next work to be issued by the Society is Rosier's Relation of Weymouth's Voyages to the Coast of Maine, 1605; with Notes by HENRY SWERTSER BURRAGE, D.D. These volumes will not be offered for sale to the public, but will be reserved for members of the Society; as is the case with the series issued by the Prince Society.

*By the Hon. Charles H. Bell, LL.D., of Exeter, N. H.*

*Collections of the Virginia Historical Society, New Series, Volume IV. The Official Records of Robert Dinwiddie, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, 1751-1758. With an Introduction and Notes, by R. A. BROCK. Vol. II. Richmond, Va. Published by the Society. 8vo. pp. xviii.+768. Map and Portrait. 1884.*

The publication of original manuscripts is the most important of all the functions of an Historical Society, laying as it does the documentary foundation upon which future students may construct their monographs of periods and events, with all the evidences connected and grouped in proper relation. The desire to present readable essays in the "Collections" of a society should not be fostered to the exclusion of the more valuable, but, perhaps, disjointed series of original manuscripts, which must become the bulwark of our early history. It should be the policy of publication committees charged with the preparation of the annual volumes to carefully file away all discursive essays, memorial biographies of deceased members, and confine their issues to the publication of town records, court and probate proceedings, church registers and manuscript letters or documents. The Massachusetts Historical Society, with its invaluable Heath, Belknap, Winthrop, Sewall and Trumbull Papers; the Maine Historical Society, just beginning to walk the right track in producing the Trelawny Papers, are examples, while before us now is the Dinwiddie Papers published by the Virginia Historical Society, whose prior issue of the

initial volume was favorably noticed in the REGISTER (xxxvii. 418). It is safe to say that this volume, containing 616 letters and documents, printed verbatim et literatim, covering the period 1755-1758, will be quoted by students of Virginia history long after any contemporary essay shall have ceased to be reckoned as a part of the literature of the time. Of the contents of the volume the title is a sufficient indication. They are the official letters of Governor Robert Dinwiddie, and consist of his communications to the home government, colonial governors and subordinate officials under his jurisdiction. To the investigator of Virginia history it is almost superfluous to say that they are of incalculable value, while the historians of New England will not want to overlook the dozen letters to Governor Belcher and General Shirley concerning the military operations against the French in 1755-6, and the relations of Virginia to those events.

The Virginia Historical Society merit the support of students in American history in their scheme of publishing these manuscript documents, and in their proposal to print the records of the General Court of Virginia, Orderly Books of the Revolution, records of the Virginia Branch of the Cincinnati, Papers of the Ludwell, Lee, Adams, Cooke and Massie families, and of the Huguenot settlement in Virginia, should receive that substantial encouragement which helps to pay the printer's bills.

*By Charles E. Banks, M.D., of Chelsea, Mass.*

*Jottings on the Regal Coinage and Token Currency of Guildford. With Some Notes on the Etymology of the Name of the Town.* By GEORGE C. WILLIAMSON, Memb. Num. Soc. Lond.; F.S.A., F.A.S., F.C.H.S., etc. etc. 8vo. pp. 36.

This little book contains one chapter of the history of Guildford, Surrey, England, carefully studied and written. The town was the seat of a royal mint, 978-1100, and the author describes all the coins known to him of Ethelred II., Cnut, Harthacnut, Edward the Confessor, Harold II., William I. and William II. The coins of Ethelred II. have the name Dunstan as moneyer, and the author supposes him to be "the celebrated S. Dunstan, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury," but there hardly seems to be sufficient reason for this statement. In the latter half of the seventeenth century, when all England was issuing copper tokens, Guildford had its share in the work. The author describes twenty-eight of them, and has added interesting notes concerning the persons who issued them. Of one he has never seen a duplicate of his own specimen. He ends with descriptions of the very few Guildford tokens issued 1795-97. The book is most attractive in its printing and vellum cover, and may be presumed to entirely exhaust the subject to which it is devoted.

*By William S. Appleton, A.M., of Boston.*

*The Universalist Quarterly and General Review.* THOMAS B. THAYER, D.D., Editor. New Series—Volume XXI. Boston: Universalist Publishing House. 1884. 8vo. pp. 512. \$2 per volume.

The Universalist Quarterly for 1884 completes the twenty-first volume, New Series. It is edited by Rev. Thomas B. Thayer, D.D.; but through a portion of the year 1884, while the editor is sojourning in Europe pursuing studies, the Quarterly is edited by the Rev. Richard Eddy, D.D. The Quarterly is what its name implies. Its articles are of Christian history, biblical exegesis and of literary and social problems. There are thirty-one articles in all. In the General Review are above a dozen timely and well directed editorials touching the questions of interpretation, history of doctrines and current theological discussion. The department of Contemporary Literature serves up in trite and happy paragraphs the publications of the theological world during the year. Of the memoir of Rev. E. H. Chapin, D.D., which appeared in the REGISTER, xxxviii. pp. 121-131, it says: "An admirable specimen of condensation of facts, giving leading incidents in the life of Dr. Chapin, a just description of his varied abilities, and an appreciative tribute to his worth as a man and a preacher."

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Amesbury, Mass.*

*Idyls of the Year:* By JAMES PHINNEY BAXTER, A.M. Portland, 1885. Hoyt, Fogg and Dunham. 8vo. Illustrated. The same, large paper, twenty-five copies for private distribution.

It is no perfunctory task to write a "review" of the book of poems laid before the public by Mr. Baxter, whose late appearance as an historical student in connection with the editorship of the Trelawny Papers we have had occasion to praise.

The "fine literary tastes" then spoken of in a notice of that volume were known to many of us; and, to those who have read his poetry at various times as it appeared in the periodical press, as well as to the few friends to whom a special edition is vouchsafed, the gathering of these verses between covers, in an orderly sequence, will afford renewed pleasure on reading over old lines and meeting with new. To each month and season is devoted a poem, and between them are wedged in odd verses on different topics, which are musical in their rhythm and beautiful in expression. Two etchings illustrative of the first and last poems, "Flood" and "Ebb," complete a symmetrical tribute in verse to the young, full and dying year.

*By Charles Edward Banks, M.D., of Chelsea, Mass.*

*History of Old Yarmouth, comprising the present towns of Yarmouth and Dennis. From the Settlement to the Division in 1794, with the History of Both Towns to these Times.* By CHARLES F. SWIFT. Yarmouth Port: Published by the author. 1884. 8vo. pp. 281. Price \$3.50. For sale by Cleaves, MacDonald & Co., 45 Temple Place, Boston, Mass.

In his preface the author calls the reader's attention to the destruction in 1678 of the records of the town for the first thirty-seven years of its existence, and states that his materials for a history of this period were extremely meagre; yet nevertheless he has gathered from many sources a connected story of the early settlement of the town, and has included in his work admirable sketches of many of its pioneer settlers.

There is some account of the various wars prior to the Revolution, in all of which the town appears to have furnished its full quota, but no extended list of soldiers is given, with the exception of those who served in King Philip's war. There is a very interesting chapter relating to the native Indians, and many allusions to them occur in the town records, which are frequently quoted. The ecclesiastical history is given quite fully, and among the numerous biographical sketches, which greatly add to the value and interest of the book, are notices of the different ministers.

In the latter portion of the volume lists of the deputies, representatives and town officers of Yarmouth and Dennis are given, the names of the earlier selectmen of Yarmouth apparently being unknown in consequence of the loss of the town records.

The people of Yarmouth have been bold and hardy seamen for generations, and it might well be said of them "no sea but what is vexed by their fisheries; no climate that is not witness to their toils."

The book contains a map of Old Yarmouth in 1644, also an illustration of the curious Thacher cradle, more than two centuries old, and portraits of a number of prominent sons or residents of the old town. There are no genealogies in the book, which is to be regretted, but much that will be of assistance to the genealogist is to be found in the biographical notices, and scattered throughout the volume. The book is well printed, and the historical matter appears to have been prepared in a careful and accurate manner.

*By George K. Clarke, L.L.B., Needham, Mass.*

*Daniel Sullivan's Visits, May and June, 1781, to General John Sullivan in Philadelphia, to explain Declarations in Sir Henry Clinton's Secret Journal.* By THOMAS C. AMORY. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son. 1884. 8vo. pp. 23.

This sketch is an able explanation of such portions of Sir Henry Clinton's secret journal as have appeared in print that may seem at a hasty glance to reflect on Gen. John Sullivan's patriotism.

As Mr. Amory says: "It would seem harsh judgment,—even if it should prove that he ever wrote, to save his brother's life, to Holland of which no evidence appears that he ever did—that he should, after his devotion to the cause of Independence, be charged with either corruption or treason."

Had he done so it might be readily pleaded in extenuation that his motive was a noble one, although perhaps no end however good in itself can justify a wrong measure for attaining it. Neither does it seem possible that he could have retained the confidence of Washington and all the leaders of our cause, had he been suspected of playing into the hands of the British.

This sketch was read as a paper in March, 1884, before the Massachusetts Historical Society, and is here reprinted "with additional comments" from the Proceedings of that society. It will be found instructive as well as interesting reading.

*By Daniel Rollins, Esq., of Boston, Mass.*



*The First Parish in Dover, New Hampshire. Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary, November 8, 1883.* Dover: Printed for the Parish. 1884. 8vo. pp. 147. Copyrighted by Alonzo H. Quint.

The above is the title of a memorial volume of a hundred and fifty pages, which combines happily the memorial proceedings with valuable contributions to the history of New Hampshire. The chief address on the occasion was by Rev. Dr. Quint, and to his trained and careful researches the historical value of the memorial is mainly due. Dover was settled as early, Dr. Quint thinks, as 1623 by Edward Hilton, and though some might quarrel with his views as a year or so too early, there can be little doubt that within 1624 the Hiltons were located at Dover point, but their patent bears date March 12, 1629-30. The patent within a few years passed into the hands of Lords Say and Brooke. Under their auspices a further body of immigrants, "with one Mr. Leverich, a godly minister," arrived in "the James," afterwards noted for a narrow escape, at the Isles of Shoals, from the perilous storm that wrecked the Angel Gabriel at Pemaquid. Her passengers landed at Salem, whence they reached their destination, Dover, before the last Sabbath of October, 1633, which is settled upon as the date of the foundation of the first church in Dover. Dr. Quint expresses clearly the spirit of liberty and self-reliance of these early planters, their determination to plant their settlement on the basis of their old liberties as Englishmen, and the democratic voluntary self-government which they created by their combinations, and maintained even when by compact they joined Massachusetts, but retained their independent church and a "political basis of representation not confined to church members."

He also gives full and interesting details of the five churches the congregation has occupied in succession, and of the twenty-three ministers who have been installed over it. The historical reader feels very much at home as he finds familiar clerical names like Knollys, Larkum, Belknap, and laymen like the Waldrons, Elder Wentworth, Champenoun, Ralph Hall, Hilton, Wiggin, Christie, Peirce, &c.: and one cannot but be surprised to learn that in the congregation now are fifty persons who are lineal descendants of those who worshipped there over two hundred years ago!

The memorial services were very interesting. Divines representing Quakers, Universalists, Methodists, Baptists, Unitarians and Episcopalians assisted at the celebration, and in eloquent and apt words contributed their quota of evidence to the religious toleration and brotherly love among sects which at this end of the nineteenth century are the ripened fruit of the religious liberty confirmed by the act of 1819 in that state.

*By the Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury, of Boston.*

*The Letters and Times of the Tylers.* By LYON G. TYLER. In Two Volumes. Vol. I. Richmond, Va.: Whittet & Shepperson. 1884. 8vo. pp. xvi.+633.

John Tyler, Senior, of Virginia, was born in 1748 and died in 1813. He was bred to the profession of the law and practised his profession with success. A warm friend of Jefferson and an early advocate of independence, his patriotic example and services during the Revolution were conspicuous and valuable. He was the governor of Virginia from 1808 to 1811, and subsequently judge of the United States District Court. The duties of these and other offices were discharged in an able and creditable manner. His more accomplished and more distinguished son, President Tyler, was born in 1790 and died in 1862. Both were eminently popular men, and exerted a great influence in their native state; and their "times," as we see, covered one of the most important and interesting periods in the history of Virginia, as well as in the political history of the federal Union. The history of Virginia could not be properly written were not the public services of both these men taken into the account, and it is equally true that the history of political parties and of public measures, from 1820 to 1862, could not be adequately set forth unless the public life of President Tyler were duly considered. The lives of almost all of the men who have borne a prominent and influential part in our national affairs, have been already written, with more or less fulness, and more or less impartiality and accuracy. President Tyler has thus far received but scant justice; perhaps it would be more candid to say he has suffered, in some notable respects, much injustice. The explanation of this is not difficult. Now one of his sons, Mr. Lyon Gardiner Tyler, gathering such materials as escaped the ravages of the Civil War, and using some materials hitherto unpublished, undertakes the praiseworthy labor and filial duty of presenting his father's public and private life in their true light, and he shows that he possesses many qualifications for the delicate task.

When the second and final volume shall come to hand, we shall avail ourselves of an early opportunity to notice the work more at length.

By *Albert H. Hoyt, A.M., of Boston.*

*Samuel Maverick's Palasade House of 1630.* By MELLEŒ CHAMBERLAIN. Reprinted from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son. 1885. 8vo. pp. 10.

Conceding the authentic character of the Maverick MS. lately discovered by Mr. Waters, the fact stands upon record that Samuel Maverick built a house at Winnisimmet in the year 1626, "for he himself has said it." Judge Chamberlain discusses the question from the standpoint of contemporary evidence. He finds nearly all of it agreeing with the Maverick MS., the notable exception being Edward Johnson's "Wonder Working Providence." Johnson's statement is explicit that Maverick had a fortified residence on Noddle's Island in 1630. It is also admitted that he did live there three or four years later than this. Hence the doubt raised by the Maverick manuscript. Judge Chamberlain assumes that Samuel Maverick first lived at Winnisimmet (Chelsea), and subsequently at Noddle's Island. He might have cited Bradford, whose evidence is the most important of all, to show that there was a plantation at Winnisimmet certainly as early as 1628. The colony records show that there was one in November, 1630, which had a continuous existence afterwards. So that Bradford turns out to be the connecting link between Maverick and the point where the undisputed history of Winnisimmet plantation begins. Not later than February, 1634, Samuel Maverick sold to Gov. Bellingham "a message called *Winnisimmet*," with his interest in the ferry granted to him that year. The boundaries show that this estate was in Chelsea, and could not have been therefore on Noddle's Island. The old law term *message* shows that there was also a dwelling of some kind. Even had Noddle's Island first been included generally in the name Winnisimmet, it is evident that these facts could have no reference to it. Maverick obtained a grant of the island in April, 1633, and probably built there at once, for the same reason that Blackstone is said to have urged in behalf of his own removal from Boston. But there were other Mavericks "of Winnisimmet" who are inconveniently mixed up with Samuel. Moses and Elias were living there at the same time, and were probably relatives of his. Certainly Moses had the honorary prefix of "Mr.," which Judge Chamberlain supposes to have been the exclusive property of Samuel. By all means let us now have the Maverick pedigree.

By *Samuel Adams Drake, Esq., of Melrose, Mass.*

*An Address on the Life and Character of Chief Justice Samuel Sewall, delivered in the Old South Church, Boston, Sunday, October 26, 1884.* By GEORGE E. ELLIS. Boston: Printed for the Author. 1885. 8vo. pp. 28.

*John Hull and Samuel Sewall.* 8vo. pp. 14.

The Rev. Dr. Ellis's address was delivered in the new edifice of the Old South Church "on the occasion of the erection of tablets in the Church, commemorative of its line of Ministers and of Samuel Sewall and Samuel Adams." There were addresses by several persons, that on Judge Sewall being assigned to Dr. Ellis. He presents to us in his address a life-like portrait of one of the most interesting characters here in New England, at the time of the change from the colonial to the provincial government of Massachusetts; of one whose diary has already been of much service "in reconstructing... the domestic, social and civil habits and institutions of his time." Dr. Ellis, as was to be expected of him, has drawn the character of Judge Sewall with impartiality, giving both its weak and its strong points.

The pamphlet on John Hull and Samuel Sewall is a communication from Dr. Estes Howe of Cambridge, read in November last by Mr. Arthur B. Ellis, before the Massachusetts Historical Society, and is reprinted from the Proceedings of that society. Dr. Howe has collected a large amount of evidence concerning the residence of Hull and his son-in-law Sewall, and arrives at the conclusion that neither of them lived on Cotton Hill, but that both resided on the easterly side of what is now Washington Street, midway between Summer and Bedford Streets.

*Weymouth Historical Society. Historical Sketch of the Town of Weymouth, Massachusetts, from 1622 to 1884.* Compiled by GILBERT NASH. Published by the Town of Weymouth, under the auspices of the Weymouth Historical Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. x. 346. Price \$2. Sold only by Gilbert Nash, Weymouth.

This volume is the second of a series of publications by the Weymouth Historical Society relating to the history of that ancient and interesting town. There is a pre-

face by Dr. Samuel A. Green and an introduction by Mr. Nash, the editor of the work. Weymouth was anciently known as Wessaguecus, and was the place of the Gorges's settlement, which was established there as early as the autumn of 1623, making Weymouth one of the oldest settlements in the colonies.

In 1635 the place had become prominent among the towns of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and continued to increase until about 1643, when numerous companies began to remove to other portions of New England, and consequently in 1776 the population did not exceed by more than 500 persons the number of settlers living there in 1643. There is much relating to the Indian wars and to local events, which limited space prevents us from noticing as fully as the subject merits.

The work contains very complete sketches of the different church societies, with biographical notices of the ministers. These are followed by sketches of the physicians of Weymouth, which, like the notices before mentioned, are valuable, and prepared in a thorough manner.

Following the above are accounts of several regiments in the recent civil war, which were composed in part of Weymouth men, and among these the history of the famous Twelfth or "Webster Regiment" is deserving of special mention. The list of soldiers from Weymouth in the late war appears to be very complete and carefully prepared, and the volume contains a most important collection of historical matter, which the compiler and his fellow citizens may justly contemplate with pride and satisfaction. It is to be hoped that more towns will follow the example of Weymouth, and appropriate liberally to secure the publication of their history and records. The index is very complete, and the names of the printers are a sufficient guarantee that their portion of the work is done in the best manner.

By George K. Clarke, L.L.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Joshua Scottow and John Alden.* By HAMILTON ANDREWS HILL, A.M.

This is another address at the meeting in the Old South Church, October 26, 1884, to dedicate the Tablets erected in honor of worthies connected with that church. Besides the tablets named in the notice of Dr. Ellis's address, the gravestones of two prominent members of the church, Joshua Scottow and John Alden, which stones had come into the possession of the church, and had been placed in its walls, were now dedicated. Mr. Hill's address gives full biographies of Scottow and Alden, containing much new matter.

*Storia delle Famiglie Illustri Italiane.* Firenze: A Spese dell'Editore Ulisse. Dilegenti. 1880. Folio, pp. 7.

The number of this serial before us contains a historical and genealogical account of a noble family at Palermo, Sicily, with a handsome print in colors, of a coat of arms granted by the Emperor Charles V. in 1553. This family, originally Palici, then Palizzi, now Palizzolo, derive descent from Richard, a Norman cavalier or general in the army of Robert Guiscard, Duke of Pouille and Calabria, who wrested Sicily from the Saracens and seated his brother Roger on the throne. See Gianonne's "Istoria Civile," tom. ii. l. xi. and tom. xiv. fol. 316-340; also Gibbon's "Rome," vol. ix. pp. 479-484.

In our day this noble family of eight centuries is represented in the Baron di Ramione, Censor of the Royal Italian Heraldic Society, and author of several valuable heraldic and genealogical works.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., Somerville, Mass.

*Goodridge Memorial. Ancestry and Descendants of Moses Goodridge, who was born at Marblehead, Mass., 9 October, 1764, and died at Constantine, Mich., 23 August, 1838.* By SIDNEY PERLEY, Author of "The History of Boxford, Mass.," etc. Washington: Published Privately. 1884. Royal 8vo. pp. 78.

*Genealogical Record of a Line of Descendants of John and Joanna Tuttle of Ipswich, Mass., from 1635 to 1885.* Compiled by JOSEPH W. TUTTLE. Plattsburgh, N. Y. 1885. 8vo. pp. 46.

*Genealogical Memoranda of the Family of De La Morr or Moore de Moorehayes, in the Parish of Collumpton in the County of Devon. From A.D. 1120 (circa) to A.D. 1884.* By the Rev. CECIL MOORE, M.A. Part I. London: Mitchell & Hughes. 1884. 4to. pp. 12.

*John French of Braintree, Massachusetts. Notes on the Frenches in connection with France, England, Ireland, Scotland and the United States.* Compiled by A. D. WELD FRENCH. Boston: Press of T. R. Marvin & Son. 1885. 8vo. pp. 13.

*John Viall of Swanzey, Mass., and Some of his Descendants.* By DAVID JILLSON. Svo. pp. 37. To be obtained of the Author, 50 Dexter St., Providence, R. I.

*The Humphreys Family.* By FREDERICK HUMPHREYS, M.D., Assisted by OTIS M. HUMPHREYS, M.D., HENRY R. STILES, M.D., and MRS. SARAH M. CHURCHILL. New York: Humphreys Print. Part IV. January, 1885. Imp. 4to. pp. 96. Price \$2 a number, or \$10 for the complete work. Address F. Humphreys, M.D., 109 Fulton Street, New York city.

*An Account of the Lineage of General Moses Cleaveland of Canterbury (Windham County), Conn., the Founder of the City of Cleveland, Ohio.* With Portrait. Compiled by his kinsman, H. G. CLEVELAND. Cleveland, O.: William W. Williams. 1885. Sm. 4to. pp. 14.

*The Dedham Eatons from 1635 to the Fifth Generation.* By DANIEL C. EATON, of the Eighth Generation. Tuttle, Moorhouse and Taylor, Printers, New Haven, Connecticut. 1884. Royal Svo. pp. 8.

We continue our quarterly notices of recently published genealogical works.

The Goodridge Memorial, which heads our list, is by Mr. Perley of Boxford, whose excellent history of that town was noticed by us in October, 1880. William Goodridge, the ancestor of the family to which this book is devoted, was one of the early settlers of Watertown, Mass., and is found there in 1636. His old homestead is said to be a part of the beautiful cemetery of Mount Auburn. The author's experience as a genealogist has enabled him to make a work full of interesting and reliable facts concerning the line which is here presented. The biographical as well as the genealogical features of the work are deserving of great praise.

The Tuttle "Genealogical Record" is devoted to descendants of John Tuttle, who came to New England in 1635 and settled at Ipswich. He represented that town in the General Court in 1644. Later he removed to Ireland, where in 1654 his wife joined him. He died at Carrickfergus, Dec. 30, 1656. The descendants here given are through his youngest son Simon. The book seems to be carefully compiled.

In the Rev. Mr. Moore's "Genealogical Memoranda," the De la Moor family is traced to John de la Moor, who lived in the twelfth century. The first part of the work now before us has a tabular pedigree of the descendants of the above named John to the middle of the last century, and a genealogical narrative, illustrated by wills and copiously annotated. Only one hundred copies have been printed for the family and friends. Two more parts are intended to be issued. The author has made a thorough examination of his subject, and has much more matter than he will be able to print.

Only the first part of Mr. French's work is issued. It is devoted to a history of the English families of the name, of which he has given a very interesting account. He would be glad to receive for his second part any information about Thomas French who died in Ipswich, Mass., in 1639, and his wife and sons. His address is A. D. Weld French, P. O. Box 1622, Boston, Mass.

The work on the Viall family is by Mr. Jillson, formerly of South Attleboro,' Mass., now of Providence, R. I. It is a reprint of a contribution by him to the "Narragansett Historical Register." There has been little written of the Viall family, and this addition to our genealogical literature will be the better appreciated.

Another number of the elegant and exhaustive work on the Humphreys Family is before us. It maintains the character which the previous numbers have won for this admirable genealogy.

The pamphlet on the founder of the city of Cleveland contains a sketch of the life of Gen. Cleveland, written for the January number of the Magazine of Western History by the Hon. Harvey Rice, to which is prefixed a full pedigree of him by the compiler, H. G. Cleveland of Cleveland.

The account of the Dedham Eatons, by Prof. Eaton of Yale College, was prepared for and read at the annual meeting of the Eaton Family Association in Boston, October 21, 1884, and has been printed for distribution in the family in order that those persons who can trace their ancestry back to the fifth generation may learn something of their more remote ancestors and kinsfolk. Prof. Eaton is engaged on a full genealogy of the family.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO MARCH 1, 1885.

I. *Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.*

The Authentication of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776. By Mellen Chamberlain. Reprinted from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, November, 1884. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1885. 8vo. pp. 28.

A Discourse delivered in the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour at Fairbault, Minnesota, on the Eve of the Centenary of the Consecration of the Reverend Samuel Seabury, D.D. Oxon., to the Episcopate of Connecticut, by the Bishops of the Catholic Remainder of the Church in Scotland at Aberdeen, November 14th, A.D. 1784, and Repeated in the Cathedral at Davenport, Iowa, on the 22d Sunday after Trinity, Nov. 16, A.D. 1884. By William Stevens Perry, D.D., LL.D. Davenport, Iowa: Glass and Hoover, Printers and Binders. 1884. 8vo. pp. 19.

Our Goodly Heritage, delivered in the College Chapel. By Joseph F. Tuttle, President of Wabash College, Sabbath P.M., Nov. 16, '84. Crawfordsville: Review Book and Job Printers. 1884. 12mo. pp. 14.

Groton Historical Series. No. IV. Groton as a Shire town, Destructive Tornado, Two Groton Conventions, The Soap-Stone Quarry. Groton, Mass. 1884. 8vo. pp. 17.

II. *Other Publications.*

The Church at Derry. Historical Address at the laying of the Corner Stone of Derry Memorial Church, October 2d, 1884. By William H. Égle, M.D., M.A. Harrisburg: Lane S. Hart, Printer and Binder.

Historical and Commercial Sketches of Washington and Environs, our Capital City, "the Paris of America," its prominent place and people, leading merchants, manufacturers, artisans and professional men, its improvements, progress and enterprise. Washington, D. C.: E. E. Barton, Publisher. 1884. 8vo. pp. 272.

Chronicle Report of the 250th Anniversary Exercises of Ipswich, August 16, 1884, together with a few sketches about town. Illustrated. Ipswich Chronicle Press. 1884. 8vo. pp. 74.

Charles Aiken. An Address delivered in Music Hall, Cincinnati, November 15, 1884, at the unveiling of the Aiken Memorial, by Noble K. Boyce. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1885. 8vo. pp. 22.

Transactions of the Royal Historical Society. New Series. Volume II. Part III. Longmans, Green and Co. 1884. 8vo. pp. 347.

Biographical Notice of Henry M. Phillips. By Richard Vaux. Read before the American Philosophical Society, Dec. 19, 1884. 8vo. pp. 72-78.

National Academy of Sciences. Memoir upon the formation of a deaf variety of the human race, by Alexander Bell. [A paper presented to the National Academy of Sciences at New Haven, November 13, 1883.] Sq. 8vo. pp. 86.

Seventy-ninth Anniversary Celebration of the New England Society in the City of New York, at Delmonico's, Dec. 22, 1884. 8vo. pp. 98.

Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Vol. IX. Fifth Series. Boston: Published by the Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 546.

Town Papers. Documents relating to Towns in New Hampshire, New London to Wolfeborough, with an Appendix embracing some documents, interesting and valuable, not heretofore published, including the Census of New Hampshire of 1790, in detail. Volume XIII. Compiled and edited by Isaac W. Hammond. Concord, N. H.: Parsons B. Coggs-well, State Printer. 1884. 8vo. pp. 858.

The Colonial Jetons of Louis XV. and other pieces relating to the French Colonial Possessions in America and to their conquest by England. By George M. Parsons. Reprinted from the American Journal of Numismatics. Columbus, Ohio: Printed for private circulation. 1884. 8vo. pp. 15.

The Iowa Historical Record, published quarterly by the State Historical Society at Iowa City. January, 1885. Iowa City, Iowa: A. J. Hershire & Co., Printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 48.

Annual Report of the Operations of the U. S. Life-Saving Service. Washington, 1881. 8vo. pp. 428. 1882, 8vo. pp. 504. 1883, 8vo. pp. 519.

Henry Gratiot, a pioneer of Wisconsin; and an address by Hon. E. B. Washburne. Chicago, 1884. 8vo. pp. 32.

Annual Catalogue of Wesleyan University for 1884-5. Middletown, Conn., 1884. 8vo. pp. 68.

Manual for the General Court, 1885. Boston, 1885. 18mo. pp. 489.

Report to the Legislature of Mass. made by the Commissioners appointed under resolve, Chap. 60, 1884, upon the condition of the Records, Files, Papers and Documents in the Secretary's department. Boston, 1885. 8vo. pp. 42.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## SOCIETIES FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL:

Mr. Scull gives in the REGISTER, vol. xxxvi. pp. 157-61, a history of "The Corporation for Promoting and Propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the Indians in New England," incorporated by act of Parliament, July 27, 1649, of which Mr. Weld was a principal agent. The society was dissolved in 1661, after the Restoration, but was reorganized the next year as "The Company for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England and the Parts Adjacent in America," and obtained a charter from Charles II., April 7, 1662. The annual income of the company's property was ordered to be applied for the "Propagation of the Gospell of Jesus Christ amongst the heathen natives in or near New England and the parts adjacent in America." It is still in existence, and its income is expended in missionary work among the Indians in British America. A history of the company by William Marshall Venning, LL.D., was read before the "Royal Historical Society" in London, June, 1884, and has recently been printed in the "Transactions" of that society, Second Series, vol. ii. pp. 293-301.

There are two other societies, whose names being similar, are liable to be confounded with this. The first of these, whose location is London, is "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," for which a charter was granted by William III., June 16, 1701. An "Historical Account" of this society by its secretary, David Humphreys, D.D., was published in London in 1730. Annual sermons have been preached before it, and have been printed, commencing in 1701. Appended to them are reports of its missionaries. These contain much valuable information relating to the local history of this country not elsewhere to be found. (See *Historical Magazine*, Boston, 1857, vol. i. pp. 309-10.) The third Jubilee of the foundation of this "Venerable Society" was celebrated at London, June 16, 1851.

The other society with a similar name is located at Boston, "The Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and Others in North America." It was incorporated by the state of Massachusetts, November 19, 1737. The annual reports, sometimes appended to sermons preached before the society and sometimes printed separately, give accounts of the work done by its missionaries. A history of the society by its secretary, the Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D., was published in 1796, and another sketch is appended to a discourse delivered before the body, January 19, 1804, by the Rev. John Lathrop, D.D., pastor of the Second Church, Boston. There is a third history of it, written in 1814 by the Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., then the secretary, which is printed in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, vol. xii. pp. 45-8. The corporation of Harvard College, having funds for Indian purposes, united with the society for a time in supporting missionaries, but this cooperation ceased in 1809. Dr. Holmes remarks that the origin of this society may be traced back to the year 1762, when a number of gentlemen formed an association for similar purposes. They were incorporated March 6, 1762, by the Province of Massachusetts, as "The Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge among the Indians of North America." (*Acts and Resolves of the Province of Massachusetts*, vol. iv. pp. 520-3.) The act of incorporation was negatived by the king in 1763. A considerable fund had been raised for the use of the society, which was returned to the donors.—EDITOR.]

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WESTCUSTAGO CHRONICLE.—The publication of "Old Times" ceases with the October number, Vol. VIII. No. 4. It will be followed at once by a companion volume which will be known as the "Westcustago Chronicle," to be devoted to the same objects as "Old Times." Copies of the new magazine may be had on application to Mrs. S. L. Lawrence, Yarmouthville, Cumberland County, Maine, price thirty cents. We shall defer an extended review of "Old Times" until the next issue of the BIBLIOPOLIST.

**LOCAL HISTORIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons having facts or documents relating to any of these cities, towns, counties, etc., are advised to send them at once to the persons engaged in writing the several histories.

*Washington, N. H.*—A committee consisting of George N. Gage, Frank P. Newman, Hiram I. Hoyt, Shubael W. Hurd and Freeman B. Lincoln, to prepare a history of the town, has been appointed, and they announce that the work will be completed during the present year. Chapters have been written on the early settlement of the town, its industrial, educational, political, ecclesiastical and professional history, and genealogical sketches of prominent families. The volume will be illustrated by portraits and views. Subscriptions may be sent to any of the committee. Price \$3 in cloth, and \$3.50 in half sheep. Postage 25 cts. additional.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think will be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from college or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of birth, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

*Crosby.* By Howard Crosby, 200 Chatham Street, New York, N. Y.—Mr. Crosby is compiling a genealogy of his branch of the Crosby family descended from Simon Crosby, an early settler of Cambridge, Mass., through his eldest son Rev. Thomas Crosby (H. C. 1853), who preached at Eastham, Mass., though not ordained, 1655-69.

*Heald.* By Pusey Heald, M.D., of Wilmington, Del.—This book will be devoted to the descendants of William and Jane Heald of Cheshire, England, through his son Samuel, who with his wife Mary (Bancroft) Heald emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1703. No connection has been traced between this family and the Concord, Mass., family of the name.

*Morris.* By J. F. Morris, Hartford, Ct.—The work will be devoted to the descendants of Edward Morris of Roxbury, Mass., and Woodstock, Ct.

*Newton of Kingston upon Hull, England.*—John (with sons John, Joseph and Benjamin) and Thomas Newton, "sons of Thomas Newton of Kingston upon Hull, England," came to Virginia in 1662—the former settling in Stafford and the latter in Norfolk county, near the site of the present city of Norfolk. The records of Accomac county show that "Thomas Newton aged 36," testified, May 22d, 1662, as to a deed of bargain and sale from Joseph Newton to Henry Picott, and that Joseph Newton united in a deed in Accomac county Nov. 16, 1670. The Virginia Land Records show grants to John Newton in Nansemond county October 23, 1673, and to George Newton (presumably a son of Thomas above) in Lower Norfolk county, April 26th, 1684. Letters testamentary were granted to Frances, widow of George Newton, Jan. 15, 1695. They had issue (with others): George, who proved July, 1762; member of House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1723-6; alderman in charter of Borough of Norfolk, 1736, and its first mayor; married Aphia, daughter of Col. James Wilson. Issue (with others): Thomas, born March 14, 1713; died Sept. 15, 1794; married Amy, daughter of Col. John Hutchins. Thomas, their only surviving child, born March 15th, 1742; member of Virginia Convention of 1776; member of Congress, etc.; married Martha, daughter of Col. Robert Tucker. Information of the ancestry of John and Thomas Newton, above, in England, is desired.

Mr. Virginus Newton, Richmond, Va., is preparing a genealogy of the Newton family in America. Communications towards his object will be gratefully appreciated, and may be addressed to him or to

R. A. Brock,

Cor. Sec. Va. Hist. Society, Richmond, Va.

*Pearce.* By Fred. L. Pearce, 219 East Monroe Street, Springfield, Ill.

*Shedd.* By Frank E. Shedd, East Jaffrey, N. H.—Mr. Shedd is engaged in collecting material relating to all branches of the Shedd family with purpose of publishing a genealogy as soon as it is completed. He has also records relative to Cummings and Verder families. He solicits correspondence.

*Smith.* By H. Allen Smith, 13 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Mr. Smith has

been engaged for several years in compiling a genealogical record of the descendants of the Rev. Nehemiah Smith, as well as those of his brother John and nephew Edward, all early settlers of New London county, Ct. He intends publishing the work when finished.

*Sterry.*—Correspondence is desired with those of the name of Sterry. Any one who will furnish the address of persons by this name will confer a favor by communicating with J. S. STERRY, 63 Washington Ave., Chelsea, Mass.

*Stiles.* By Henry R. Stiles, M.D., 109 Fulton Street, New York city.—Dr. Stiles's History and Genealogy of the Stiles Family, now in preparation, will contain the history of the Massachusetts, Connecticut, Bermuda, Pennsylvania and Georgia families. The volume will be a large octavo of not less than 300 pages, illustrated with portraits, coats of arms and views. The edition will be closely limited to the number of subscriptions received, and the price (which as near as can now be estimated, will be within \$5) will be raised within one year after subscribers are served.

Dr. Stiles published in 1859, a quarter of a century ago, a Genealogy of the Connecticut Stiles, 100 copies, reprinted from the History of Ancient Windsor, and in 1863 a Genealogy of the Massachusetts Stiles Family, 100 copies. The history and both of the genealogies are out of print. Much fresh material has been collected, and the author has decided to bring out a new work, revised and brought down to the present time. Members of the several families are invited to send to him immediately whatever information they have or may be able to obtain concerning themselves or kindred. Circulars giving further information will be sent to applicants.

*Wade.* By F. L. Dunbar, Union, Union county, New Jersey.

*Weeks.* By Robert D. Weeks, Grovestand, N. Jersey.—The "Genealogy of the Family of George Weekes of Dorchester," is nearly ready for the press. Price \$3 to \$5, according to style of binding. Further information is requested, and subscriptions solicited, by the author.

Information is also desired in regard to the family of Thomas Weekes (Wickes) of Huntington, L. I.

## The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register

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## BOOK NOTICES.

*A Sketch of the Origin and the Recent History of the New England Company.* By the Senior Member of the Company [HENRY WILLIAM BUSK]. Printed by Spottiswoode & Co., New Street Square, London. 1884. 8vo. pp. 91.

*Origin of the New England Company, London, with an Account of its Labours on behalf of the North American Indians.* By WM. MARSHALL VENNING, D.C.L., M.A., Oxon. (Reprinted from the Transactions of the Royal Historical Society.) (Read June, 1884.) 8vo. pp. 8.

These pamphlets give some account of the society under whose direction the earliest organized missionary work in New England was carried forward, and which was the forerunner of the various home and foreign missionary boards whose operations now extend to all parts of our own land and to almost every community beyond the pale of christendom.

During the sessions of 1644-46, the General Court of Massachusetts took measures for encouraging the propagation of the gospel among the Indians, and the elders of the churches were recommended to consider plans for carrying out this purpose. John Eliot was one of the first to respond to the appeal; he had not, however, waited for this secular call, but had already begun those labors which were to be remembered for all time as apostolic. The letters which he wrote to England, giving information about his labors, and which were published in the form of tracts, awakened so much interest there that it was determined to form a society to aid him and others to carry forward the good work. Oliver Cromwell and Dr. Calamy were among those whose sympathies were particularly enlisted. On the 27th of July, 1649, an act or ordinance was passed by the Long Parliament

with this title: "A Corporation for the Promoting and Propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in New England." It enacted that there should be a corporation in England consisting of sixteen persons, namely, a president, treasurer and fourteen assistants, and to be called "The President and Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England," with power to acquire lands (not exceeding the yearly value of £2,000), goods and money. William Steele, a judge of the courts, was the first president, and Richard Floyd was the temporary treasurer. The offices of the society were at Cooper's Hall. Edward Winslow, then agent for New England, who had had more to do than perhaps any one else with bringing the society into existence, was one of the corporators, and undertook, besides other business, the labor of collecting and investing the money.\* This seems to have been prosecuted with much energy and efficiency, for nearly £12,000 was raised forthwith by voluntary contributions throughout England and Wales, and was invested in landed property, a part of which the society still holds.

Money had previously been collected in England for missionary and other purposes in New England. The "Innocency Cleared, containing a Just Defence of Mr. Welde and Mr. Peters," &c., written in the winter of 1649-50, and communicated to the REGISTER by Mr. Scull (xxxvi. 62-70), gives a detailed account of receipts and expenditures, the latter covering the cost of transporting poor children across the sea, purchases of books and utensils—"pewter, brass, Ironware, linnen"—for Harvard College, grants to the Roxbury School and "gifts to the Godly poore." Also, as Mr. Welde wrote: "Some gave for preaching y<sup>e</sup> Gospell to y<sup>e</sup> natives, out of which Twenty pounds per Annum is settled firnly by Indenture for ever for y<sup>e</sup> use which Mr Elliott hath had ever since hee sett upon that happie worke and Thirty pounds was sent since by Bill to receive." Three, if not four, of the series of tracts, known as the Eliot tracts, and enumerated by Mr. Busk in his sketch, were published before the incorporation of the New England Society, and were used by Mr. Winslow and others in connection with their efforts for its endowment. It seems, however, that these efforts had been more or less embarrassed, because "divers ministers who used to meet at Sion Colledge" were "unsatisfied in monies they had formerly collected for transporting children to New England," not knowing how they [the monies] had been disposed of; "and some went further, in blaming those that had been agents in that worke." Hence the "letter at large," written by Mr. Welde "to satisfie who<sup>r</sup> it might concerne" (dated Gatesheade, January 2, 1649, that is 1649-50); this was communicated by Mr. Winslow to the ministers, and seemed to satisfy them for the time. Obstructions, however, still existed, both in town and country, in the prosecution of the work, because of the want of definite knowledge as to what had been done with the money previously contributed. The "Innocency Cleared" was then prepared, containing an explanation of collections and disbursements so full and precise that, as it seems to us, there was nothing further to be asked for. The figures in this statement are substantially the same as those given in an account which had been prepared two or three years before, and which, Mr. Welde said, had been left at the shop of Mr. Pocock, at the sign of the Plough, in Watling Street, so that all who desired might examine it. For this earlier account, which had been audited by Nathaniel Duncan, see the REGISTER, xxxix. 179-183. All this, it will be seen, antedated and was distinct from the special work of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England.

As we have said, the society was incorporated in 1649, and it at once opened a correspondence with the Commissioners of the United Colonies, through whom it proposed to carry on the work in its details. These commissioners held an annual meeting on the first Monday in September for the transaction of the general business of the Confederacy. The affairs of the society first came formally before them at their meeting in Hartford in 1650.

At the Restoration in 1660 the Corporation became defunct, but by the exertions of "the excellent Robert Boyle, so notable at once for his science, piety and beneficence," an Order of Charles II. in Council was, on the 10th of April, 1661, obtained for a new charter of incorporation, vesting in the company then created the property which had been given or bought for the purposes of the late reputed corporation. The charter was perfected on the 7th of the February following, and the corporators, forty-five in number, were to be called "The Company for the Propaga-

\* For a sketch of Edward Winslow and of his labors in behalf of the society, by Mr. G. D. Scull, then of Oxford, now of London, England, see REGISTER, xxxviii. 21-28; and for some of the official correspondence, communicated by the same gentleman, xxxvii. 392-396.

dion of the Gospel in New England, and the parts adjacent, in America." The new company consisted of both Anglicans and non-Anglicans, and included several of the survivors of the earlier membership. The Hon. Robert Boyle was the first governor, from 1662 until his death in 1691. He was followed by Robert Thompson,\* who held the office until 1694; Sir William Ashurst succeeded him and was governor until 1719.

John Eliot's Indian Bible, upon which he had been engaged for ten years, was published complete in 1663. It was, according to the general title-page, "ordered to be printed by the Commissioners of the United Colonies in New England at the charge and with the consent of the Corporation in England for the Propagation of the Gospel amongst the Indians in New England." The first edition consisted of fifteen hundred copies; a second edition of two thousand copies was printed in 1660-65.

The membership of the society in England, and its representatives in Massachusetts, in the eighteenth century, included many eminent men. Among the latter we may mention Increase and Cotton Mather, and Samuel and Joseph Sewall. For a few years after 1775, when the War of the Revolution broke out, no missionary work was done by the society, and its funds were allowed to accumulate. After the recognition by Great Britain of the independence of the United States, it transferred its work to New Brunswick, its chartered field of operations including not only New England, but "the parts adjacent in America." It is now known as the New England Company, and is doing effective work on the north shore of Lake Erie, near the Saults Saint Marie, and in British Columbia. Its present governor is Mr. James Meyer. The work of evangelization in New England was taken up and continued by the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and Others in America (*ante*, p. 93), which was incorporated by the state of Massachusetts in 1787.

By Hamilton Andrews Hill, A.M., of Boston.

*The Church at Derry. Historical Address at the Laying of the Corner Stone of Derry Memorial Church, October 2d, 1884.* By WILLIAM H. EGLE, M.D., M.A. Harrisburg: Lane S. Hart, Printer and Binder. 8vo. pp. 14.

Derry, in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, was settled by the Scotch-Irish early in the last century. A Presbyterian church was soon organized, its first record being dated April, 1724. Dr. Egle pays in his address a tribute to the worth of the Scotch-Irish people who settled here. Though they were found in other parts of Pennsylvania, this region was their chief hive. "Within a radius of twenty-five miles comprising the townships of Donegal, Paxtang, Derry and Hanover, in then Lancaster County, now partly in that and partly in our county of Dauphin," says Dr. Egle, "was the great settlement from whence the stream flowed southward through the Kittatinny valley to the Potomac, thence through the Virginia valley to the Carolinas and Georgia." The author gives a graphic history of the church and its ministers to the present time. Views of the old Derry church erected in 1740, which stood till within a few years, and of the new one whose corner stone was laid last October, are given.

*Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society.* Vol. V. Saint Paul, Minn.: Published by the Society. 1895. 8vo. pp. 535.

This large volume is devoted to the history of the Ojibways, a tribe of Indians dwelling in Minnesota, but who formerly spread themselves in their migrations over a large territory including other states. The basis of the work is a collection of traditions gathered by William W. Warren, who thoroughly understood the Indian language, and whose father, a native of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, had settled as an Indian trader in the northwest, and had married a woman of three-

\* The will of Robert Thompson of Stoke Newington, known in the records as Major Thompson, was proved 6 December, 1694. (See Genealogical Gleanings by Waters, R.no. xxxviii. 317, 414.) He was one of the corporators named in the first charter of the society, but was omitted from the second charter, probably because of his unpopular standing at Court. He had been "so great with Cromwell, that he had nearly married his daughter." Sir William Thompson, one of the new corporators, was probably a brother who was less obnoxious. Major Thompson was not chosen into the new corporation until 27 April, 1668. His son Joseph became a member in 1697; and his grandson William, son of William, was elected governor in 1726. His daughter Elizabeth was wife of Sir William Ashurst, who immediately succeeded him in the governorship. In a letter to Governor Leverett, Major Thompson speaks of himself as a cousin of Peter Sergeant, who built what became the Province House in Boston.

fourths Indian blood. Through his mother the historian of the tribe was descended from noted chiefs of the Ojibways, and was deeply interested in the history of his mother's people. An interesting sketch of Mr. Warren by J. Fletcher Williams, secretary of the society, occupies about 14 pages, and this is followed by 374 pages containing the collections made by the former. This portion of the work gives a vast amount of traditional information concerning the Ojibways, and also much relating to the French, English and American pioneers with whom they came in contact. The period of time covered by this history is fully two hundred years, and its value cannot be overestimated. Pages 395-511 contain a history of the same tribe, and of their connection with fur traders, based upon official and other records, by Rev. Edward D. Neill, who is an honorary vice-president of our own society. This work of Mr. Neill's includes a long period of time, and is an important and valuable addition to the collections of Mr. Warren. It is rare that so complete a history of an Indian tribe appears, and at a time when there is a constantly increasing interest in the aborigines of America, this volume cannot fail to find appreciating readers.

The book contains a portrait of Mr. Warren, and the whole publication, including the index, is prepared and arranged in the most thorough manner, and is a credit to the Historical Society of Minnesota.

*By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*The Winchester Record.* Printed for the Members of the Winchester Historical and Genealogical Society, Winchester, Mass., by Order of the Directors. 1885. 8vo. Vol. 1. No. 1, January; No. 2, April; No. 3, July; pp. 222, in three numbers.

These three numbers are the result of the formation last year of the above-named society, which is devoted to local history and genealogy in the town of Winchester, Mass., a town about thirty-five years old.

These pamphlets contain a great amount of valuable historical matter, much of it pertaining to a period prior to the separation from the old town of Woburn, and if this series is continued, its value in years to come will be very great. A large amount of matter pertaining to local organizations and to current events is here preserved which would necessarily be excluded from the most elaborate town history. The members of the society at Winchester are rendering an important service to the department of local history, and it is to be hoped that their example will be followed by citizens of other New England towns.

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*Old Times.* A Magazine devoted to the Preservation of Materials relating to the History of North Yarmouth, Me., etc. 8vo. Yarmouthville, Me. 1877-1884. Eight volumes complete with index, pp. 1200.

The annals of genealogical and historical work are full of examples of personal sacrifice and "labors of love" in behalf of our common history. Not a genealogy is compiled nor a history published that does not in its pages tell of the unpaid and unappreciated services of some patient worker in these fields. The men who have come out of this experience "whole" are so few that they are entitled to the badge of honor from their less fortunate fellows, although we fancy their profits combined would hardly pay for the legitimate time expended by any one of the number in the necessary work of getting a volume through the press. The case of "Old Times" does not exactly fall under the class of magazine ventures that have been launched out upon the ocean of public favor, dependent upon the support of interested parties for its sustenance. It has been indeed a "labor of love" from its inception to its close, and the price charged for each issue (30 cts.) has been, we suppose, to place some market value upon it, and to induce purchasers to appreciate that which has been paid for. The magazine has reached its eighth volume, and the projector has concluded to close up at this point and retire from the business, and as the story of the publication of "OLD TIMES" is somewhat unique, the writer ventures to disclose some information of which he is personally cognizant. The proprietor, publisher, editor, printer, compositor, and with typographical accuracy may be respectfully added, "devil," of OLD TIMES, is Captain Augustus W. Corliss, 8th Infantry U.S.A., a native of Yarmouth, Maine, who served gallantly during the Rebellion, and at the close of the war retained his connection in the army, rising from a subordinate position to his present rank by faithful and intelligent attention to duty. For the last ten years he has been stationed on the Pacific coast, and to relieve the monotony of frontier life, being interested in his own family history, he

bought a font of type and a hand press, learned the "case," and printed the *Corliss Genealogy*, a book of 337 pages, and no one looking at the volume casually on the shelves of the society's library would suspect that it was the work of an amateur. In 1876 he determined upon the publication of a magazine which should be the means of preserving in permanent form the rich store of materials relating to the history of North Yarmouth, Me., and its offshoots. Through Arizona, California and Nevada, during the past eight years, he has transported his fonts and presses whenever his company has changed camp, and with irregular regularity the quarterly issues of "Old Times" have greeted its constituents, bearing however the imprint of Yarmouthville, Me. Several years since the office of this unlocatable magazine was visited by the writer (then stationed at San Francisco), the publisher being on duty at Angel Island in the harbor. A little back room in his quarters contained his outfit, and there "Yarmouthville" loomed up in all its grandeur. This introduction to the public is necessary because the modesty of the Captain has hitherto made *OLD TIMES* a mystery, and its publisher almost a myth. Within the twelve hundred pages of the finished volumes, supplemented by a good index, may be found the Records of the North Yarmouth Proprietors, the Church Records complete, Abstracts of Deeds from County Registry, Biographical Sketches of prominent pioneers, including Walter Gendall, David Prince, Percy Drinkwater, Dr. John Hyde, the ministers of the churches, and the valuable reminiscences of old towns-people, to say nothing of the vast aggregate of notes and minor articles which preserve so many important facts for the future historian.

The following named genealogies have been published in "Old Times:" True, Greely, Prince, Bucknam, Drinkwater, Wyman, Mitchell, Corliss, Gray, Russell, Seabury, Field, Weare, Royall, Oakes, Humphrey, Bradbury, Cutter, Stockbridge, Soule, Hawes, Loring, Ring, Cole, Pettingill, Felt, Stubbs, Fisher, Mason, Fogg, Griffin, Elwell, Lufkin, Lane, Blanchard, Sweetser, Chandler, Storer, Winslow, Buxton, Hitchcock, Harris and Byram.

It would be futile to attempt a catalogue of all the historical treasures of this trim little periodical, and we venture to say that no journal will be more missed by Maine historical workers than Captain Corliss's "OLD TIMES." Its discontinuance is to be regretted, but in parting with it we only voice the sentiments of its readers in expressing our deep sense of obligation to him for his unselfish labors in behalf of the history of Maine. We learn that his entire manuscript collections have been donated to the Maine Genealogical and Biographical Society.

As an instance of apathy which Capt. Corliss has had to contend against in Yarmouth, we may state that he made a standing offer to the town authorities to print the ancient town records free of cost if he could be provided with the original records, or a copy of them, for the purpose, giving the town ten bound copies of the same when completed; but there was not enough interest or public spirit manifested to give his proposition any consideration. This statement will help the friends of the magazine to understand why the gallant Captain does not desire further to force historical literature down the throats of a people who either will not or cannot digest it.

It was the intention of the publisher to continue this historical magazine under another title, "The Westustogo Chronicle," as stated in the April issue of this publication, but after printing a few pages the decision to discontinue the work altogether was reached, and the announcement made by us as to its appearance is therefore void. Those who have sets of *OLD TIMES* should secure these few pages of the projected magazine to bind in with the original book.

By Charles E. Banks, M.D., Marine Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.

*Oration on the Completion of the National Monument to Washington, agreeably to the Appointment of Congress, February 21, 1885.* By Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1885. 8vo. pp. v.+40.

This oration was prepared by our venerable and distinguished citizen, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, for the occasion of the completion of the national monument to Washington, and it is unsurpassed in loftiness of sentiment and beauty and dignity of style. Illness prevented the orator from delivering the address with his own eloquent voice, as he had done thirty-seven years before, when the corner stone of this great monument was laid, but his words, read before a vast concourse, including the most distinguished citizens of the republic, by the Hon. John D. Long of Massachusetts, and reported in hundreds of newspapers, must have had an influence and made an impression throughout the whole land. Rich in noble tributes to him in

whose honor the shaft was raised, there breathes in every sentence a patriotic love for our institutions, and for one common country. The dignified and touching allusions to the nation's days of trial and of triumph, to the glories of the Old Dominion and of our own Puritan Commonwealth, must inspire feelings of devotion to our country, and reverence for the founders of its government.

The oration is prefaced by the joint resolution of Congress relating to the dedication of the monument, and by an explanatory note by Robert C. Winthrop, Jr. It was printed at the University Press, and it is hardly necessary to say that the printers have done their part in a satisfactory manner, and that the oration is presented in a most attractive form.

By *George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*History of the Town of Richmond, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, from its first Settlement to 1882.* By WILLIAM BASSETT. BOSTON, MASS.: C. W. Calkins & Co. 1884. pp. 578. For sale by George E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston, Mass. Price \$3.

The township was granted in 1752 to Joseph Blanchard and others, and the first settlements were made in 1759. In 1762 a portion of the township was annexed to Swansea. Richmond was incorporated and organized under a municipal government in 1765. In 1773 the first census was taken, showing a population of 745. Its highest number was in 1820, when it reached 1391, since which time it has been gradually decreasing until 1880, at which time the census shows only a population of 669. This volume, which is a valuable acquisition to the department of local history, includes a map of the township, and is fully illustrated, having portraits of many of the natives of the town,—among them those of the eminent divine, Rev. Hosea Ballou, and Eliza Ballou Garfield, mother of the late President Garfield, and a large number of other illustrations illustrative of scenes and incidents of the town during its history. Nearly one half of the volume is devoted to genealogies of the families, and biographical sketches of the prominent citizens and natives of the town, arranged in alphabetical order, and showing a great amount of labor and research in their preparation, and form a valuable and interesting collection of family history. The work contains a list of the first settlers of the town, its town officers and representatives to the General Court. Also, an interesting account of the part taken by the citizens of the town during the Revolutionary War and that of 1812-15, and also that for the suppression of the rebellion. It also contains interesting notices of the different churches and their ministers, and also of the public schools and the manufacturing industries of the town.

The author is entitled to the thanks of the sons and daughters of Richmond, as well as all others interested in the preservation of the local history of our towns, for the thorough and faithful manner in which he has done his work, the only deficiency being the want of a full and complete index, which every work should have.

By *N. J. Herrick, Esq., of Boston, Mass.*

*The Genealogist's Guide, being a General Search through Genealogical, Topographical and Biographical Works, Family Histories, Peerage Claims, etc.* By GEORGE W. MARSHALL, LL.D., of the Middle Temple, Barrister at Law. Second Edition. London: George Bell and Sons. 1885. 8vo. Price 31s. 6d.

Dr. Marshall, the author of this book, was the projector and for seven years the editor of "The Genealogist," which has so frequently been noticed by us. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and has contributed valuable articles to his own and other antiquarian periodicals. He has also edited some of the volumes of the Harleian Society, of the Council of which he is a member.

The first edition of the present work was issued in 1879 (*Rex. xxxiii. 440*) and was welcomed by genealogists as a valuable aid in their researches. Indeed, so numerous have English genealogies and genealogical articles become, and scattered as the latter are in so many periodicals and works on local history, that such an index to pedigrees as this has become an absolute necessity. Our American genealogists who are seeking their ancestry in England will find Dr. Marshall's book indispensable to them.

The author in his preface says: "It will be asked, and very properly, what kind of genealogy I have considered a pedigree of sufficient importance to be catalogued here. My answer is, that as a general rule, I have included any descent of *three generations in male line*. A pedigree, therefore, which sets forth the descendants of A in the families of B, C, and D, is referred to under such of the families

of B, C, and D as happen to have three generations in male line given in it; if there be only two and an heiress, it is not noticed. Exceptions to this rule are, however, frequent in reference to works such as Peerages and Baronetages, my object being not so much to index every existing genealogy, as to place the intelligent student in a position to find out the sources from which he may obtain a clue to the particular pedigree he is searching for."

A new feature is the references to "Notes and Queries." In fact about eighteen thousand references had been added to this edition.

*La Chaîne D'Union de Paris. Journal de la Maçonnerie Universelle.* Monthly: Feby. 1884, to April, 1885. 8vo. pp. 44.

This Continental organ of the Royal Art has reached its twenty-first year, and is now permanently established at Paris, to which it was removed in 1869 from London, the home of its callow youth. It presents the news of the various orders up to the 33° from all parts of the world, and thus fills a want.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.

*Mémoires de l'Académie des Sciences Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres de Toulouse.* Huitième Série. Tome VI. Premier et Deuxième Semestres. Toulouse, Imprimerie Douladore-Privat, 1884. 8vo. pp. 200-324.

This series consists of two volumes in which are given the addresses of the public session of the Academy, the prize essays of the past year, and a variety of remarkable biographical, scientific, historical and literary papers. These form an ample exhibit of the wonderful activity, in different fields of research, of the scholars and learned gentlemen of Southern France. Many of the papers are illustrated, and to us the monographs are especially interesting.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., Somerville, Mass.

*The Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts, August 16, 1884.* Boston: Little, Brown and Company. 1884. 8vo. pp. 149. Fifteen Illustrations.

"*Chronicle*" *Report of the 250th Anniversary Exercises of Ipswich, Aug. 16, 1884. Together with a Few Sketches about Town. Illustrated.* Ipswich: Chronicle Press. 1884. 12mo. pp. 74. (Old Homes of Ipswich.)

1634. *First Church, Ipswich.* 1884. *Anniversary Sunday. Morning Sermon,* by Rev. E. B. PALMER, Pastor. *Afternoon Address,* by Rev. I. N. TARBOX, D.D. Ipswich Antiquarian Papers. 1884. 8vo. pp. 28.

*Poems on the Celebration of the 250th Birthday of Ipswich.* By GILBERT CONANT. Essex: Burnham's Job Print. 1884. 18mo. pp. 12.

The titles above indicate the literary product of the Ipswich celebration. The occasion was a memorable one, and has been well reported in the REGISTER by the Hon. Mr. Safford, who attended it as one of the representatives of this Society. The first and largest pamphlet is the official publication, under the authority of the town committee, giving proceedings, oration, poems and addresses in full. The second gives a more condensed report from the *Ipswich Chronicle*, and adds notes, as they are modestly termed, of some "Old Homes," with illustrations of churches, houses and individuals. These notes are evidently from a careful and practised hand. The third records the celebration of the First Church on the Sabbath following that of the town. The value of the official record would have been increased if this sermon and address had been included, as might properly have been done; but the infelicity of this separation marked the arrangements for and conduct of the celebration, as well as its published results. The fathers united church and state; the children sometimes, as in this instance, push the divorce to an unreasonable extreme.

The oration, by the Rev. John Calvin Kimball, of Hartford, Ct., is marked by breadth of thought and careful preparation; and was followed in its delivery, notwithstanding its length, by the close and interested attention of the great audience. Its rhetoric is not always faultless, as for example, in the long and obscure paragraph on pages 44-5; and it illustrates rather unpleasantly how hard it is for an old legend to die and be decently buried, to find so well informed a student repeating without a qualm the statement that the Rogers family of Ipswich were "descendants of the great Smithfield martyr." But such a trifle here or there cannot modify the judgment that as a whole the oration was the worthy utterance of a great occasion.

The address of Gov. Robinson was well conceived and gave fit expression to the



interest of the Commonwealth in one of her most unique municipalities; and the after-dinner addresses were in some cases quite happy. The two hymns of Rev. John P. Cowles, and the poems of Miss Dodge—"Gail Hamilton"—and Mrs. Harriet Prescott Spofford, deserve special mention for their literary quality; but as much cannot be said of the other versified products of the occasion. The long and miscellaneous rhymes, pages 16-25, are scarcely worthy of such a place.

The sermon of Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, pastor of the first church, was an appropriate and suggestive discussion of God's Hand in our Beginnings. Dr. Tarbox's address on the "Early Ministry of Ipswich," shows the skill of our well known scholar and antiquary in the enrichment of such a theme.

The value of these local celebrations is measured largely by such literary results. These abide, while the impressions of the hour disappear. If the inspiration from which shall come a good history of Ipswich, gains a practical impulse from this celebration of her 250th birthday, this will prove its most important fruit. The material of such a history, of great value and interest, is abundant. Few New England towns would furnish a record more characteristic and instructive. It has been the home of many notable families, who in their dispersion through the world, reflect honor upon the mother town. The story of her famous Female Seminary and its world-wide influence should be told; and it cannot be done too soon. We are glad to be informed that arrangements have been instituted which may give us such a history, from a competent hand, at no distant day.

*By the Rev. Henry A. Hazen, A.M., of Auburndale, Mass.*

*Proceedings of the New England Methodist Historical Society at the Fifth Annual Meeting, January 19, 1885. Boston: Society's Room, 36 Bromfield St. 1885. 8vo. pp. 36.*

The New England Methodist Historical Society is shown by the reports at the annual meeting of the various officers and committees, which are here printed in full, to be in a very flourishing condition. The librarian reports large additions to the Society's valuable collection of books, manuscripts and pamphlets. The whole number of volumes in the library in January last was 1318, and of pamphlets 6410. Special attention has been paid to collecting and preserving material for the history of Methodism in New England and elsewhere. The historiographer reports that biographical sketches of all the deceased members have been prepared and deposited with the society. Five members died last year, and twenty-seven have died since the formation of the society, of all whom the historiographer gives the dates and places of death and the ages. The other reports contain important matters relating to the society. A complete list of members is here printed. The annual address, "Three Reasons why we should recount the History of Methodism," by the Rev. William R. Clark, D.D., an able and suggestive address, is prefixed to the reports. The president of the society is the Hon. Jacob Sleeper, and the librarian and treasurer is Willard S. Allen, A.M.

*Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the National Board of Trade held in Washington, January, 1885. Boston: Tolman & White, Printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 205.*

*Commercial Conventions and the National Board of Trade, an Address. By HAMILTON ANDREWS HILL. Chicago, April 28, 1885. Boston: Tolman & White, Printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 22.*

The National Board of Trade held its fifteenth session at Washington last winter. The session occupied three days, the 28th, 29th and 30th of January. Subjects of vital importance came before this convention, and were discussed with ability. The principal topics were Bankruptcy Legislation, the National Bank Act, Compulsory Coinage of Silver, Reciprocal Trade with Canada, Inter State Commerce, the Postal Telegraph, the Frequency of Elections, the Forms of Bills of Lading and the Liabilities of Common Carriers under them. Such meetings of business men for consultation and action on mercantile affairs are productive of much good.

In April last the National Board of Trade was represented at the dedication of the Chicago Board of Trade building, a magnificent structure, which the wants of the business community required, the third structure erected within twenty years. Mr. Hill, a delegate from the National Board, opened the meeting with an address in which he gave a history of the National Board of Trade, organized seventeen years ago, and of the Commercial Conventions which preceded and led to it. Mr. Hill shows the use of such an organization and what it has already effected.

*Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education, 1884.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1884. 8vo. No. 6, pp. 90. No. 7, pp. 158.

*Bureau of Education. Building for the Children of the South.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1884. 8vo. pp. 16.

Under the efficient management of Gen. John Eaton, LL.D., the Bureau of Education is doing good service in advancing the cause of Education in the United States. By its Annual Reports, its Circulars of Information, and its other issues, it is diffusing through the land most important information on the present condition of the work of Education in this country and abroad, with plans and suggestions for advancing it. Of the pamphlets before us, Circular No. 6 has for its title "Rural Schools; Progress in the Past; Means of Improvement in the Future." And No. 7, "Aims and Methods of the Teaching of Physics, by Prof. Charles K. Weed, A.M., of the University of Michigan."

As a friend of the education of the people of this country, we hope that General Eaton will long remain at the head of this important Bureau.

*The Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft. History of Mexico.* Vol. III. 1600—1803. San Francisco: A. L. Bancroft & Company, Publishers. 1883. 8vo. pp. cxii.+702. Vol. IV. 1804—1824. 8vo. pp. xiv.+790. Price per volume, in cloth, \$4.50; in library style, \$5.50; in half calf, half russia or half turkey, \$8.00; in russia leather or tree calf, \$10.00. Sold only by subscription and in complete sets, and delivered free of all expense, payable on delivery.

In our April number notice was taken of volumes 1 and 2 of the above named history, being volumes 9 and 10 of the general work entitled *History of the Pacific States*. The volumes already noticed covered the period from the conquest of Mexico by Cortes down to the year 1600. The volumes now before us are the third and fourth of the Mexican history, the eleventh and twelfth of the general history, the third carrying the narrative forward from the year 1600 to 1803, while the fourth continues it from 1804 to 1824. The two volumes together make not far from 1600 octavo pages, through which the reader is borne along vigorously, and the way never becomes wearisome. Indeed, these are very remarkable volumes, and we trust that Mr. Bancroft may have life and health and means to carry out and perfect the immense plan which he has projected and which thus far has been prosecuted with immense energy. To have the whole broad field of our Pacific slope covered and comprehended in volumes so noble and worthy as these will be a blessing to the land through the long years to come. Few men would have the courage or the patience to attempt a work of such difficulty and cost.

*By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of West Newton, Mass.*

*The Irish and Anglo-Irish Landed Gentry when Cromwell came to Ireland: or a Supplement to Irish Pedigrees.* By JOHN O'HART, Q.U.I., Fellow of the Royal Historical and Archaeological Association of Ireland, &c. &c. Dublin: M. H. Gill & Son, 50 Upper Sackville Street, and James Duffy & Sons, 15 Wellington Quay. May also be had from the Author. 1884. 8vo. pp. xviii.+774. Price by post to America, not including duty, 13s. 6d.

This very interesting volume is, as the title states, a "Supplement to Irish Pedigrees," noticed *REG.* xxxv. 244. It is rich in material useful to the Americans of Irish or Scotch-Irish descent, who form so large and influential an element in this country. It contains copies of official papers bearing on the several invasions, partitions and forfeitings of estates in Ireland, by which so many prominent families were scattered, impoverished or exterminated, with lists of the English transplantations into Ireland; "Catalogue of the Commonwealth Records in Ireland;" "Summary of the Commonwealth Records;" "The 'Forty-Nine' Officers in Ireland;" "Books of 'Surveys and Distribution' in Ireland;" also of the "Forfeiting Proprietors;" "Grantees of their Estates," and "Purchasers of the same" under the Williamite Confiscations of 1702, &c.; "The Irish Brigades in the Service of France," and "the Service of America" in 1775 and 1861, from Lieutenants to Generals, &c. &c. Among the various pedigrees are many American lines, viz.: Bennet of New York; Cooke, Devine, Fitzgerald, Hart, Hawkins, of Wis.; Kilroy, Kershaw of Pa.; McGrath, Mackenna, Murphy of Canada; O'Brien of Thomond (American branch); O'Connor of N. Y.; Oulahan of Washington; Skipmith of Va.; Sweeney of Minn.; Atkinson of Va.; Bland of Va.; Bolling of Va. and Pa.; Claiborne of Va., Mo., Miss. and La.; Cleburne of Va.; Browne,

Carroll of Md.; Milmo, &c. &c. The volume contains also a very complete index of names. Mr. O'Hart is an enthusiastic, indefatigable and impartial writer, who does his work *con amore*. This is his third valuable contribution to the genealogical history of his native Ireland. Many of the Peers and Commoners of the British Parliament have lately moved the Premier for a Literary Pension to him from the Civil list; a just recognition of his literary labors in the field of Irish and Anglo-Irish history, and an indication of the unbiassed character of his work.

*By the Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden, of Wilkes Barre, Pa.*

*Antiquarian Papers.* Ipswich, Mass. 1884. No. 46, March; No. 47, April; No. 48, May; No. 49, June. 1885. No. 51, January; No. 52, February; No. 53, April; pp. 4 each number. Price 25 cents for 4 numbers. Address Antiquarian Papers, P. O. Box 159.

Seven numbers of the fourth volume of the Ipswich Antiquarian Papers have been received and are before us. The fifty-three numbers which have now been issued, show how much matter, and valuable matter too, can be collected and preserved in this way by persistent and continued effort, even though the several issues have but few pages in them. The April number gives an excuse for past and future irregularities by this statement concerning the editors Rev. Augustine Caldwell and Mr. Arthur W. Dove, that the latter is pursuing his art studies in Paris, and the former "will devote the summer to historical search among Ipswich records for the purpose of publishing in a more substantial and permanent form." Mr. Caldwell desires that records of Ipswich families from old bibles or elsewhere be sent to him to use in making up a genealogical record of that town.

*An Old Planter in New England.* Royal 8vo. pp. 104. Privately printed in 1885 by A. Mudge & Son, Boston.

The "Old Planter" named in the title page of this book, was John Woodbury, the emigrant ancestor of the author, the Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury, of Boston. A deposition of Humphrey Woodbury, son of John, of which an abstract is printed in the April number of the REGISTER (xxxix. 183), and which the author of this work prints in full, shows that John Woodbury came to New England in 1624, and three years later returned to England, where he remained half a year and then came back to this country, arriving at Salem in June, 1628.

This book, of which a fuller notice is promised to us for the Oct. number, treats of the experiences of the "Old Planters" of Massachusetts, and particularly John Woodbury, at Cape Ann and Salem, both before and after the arrival of Endicott.

*Outing: an Illustrated Monthly Magazine of Recreation.* Vol. VI. No. 3. June, 1885. Royal 8vo. Published by the Wheelman Co., 175 Tremont Street, Boston. Price 25 cts. a number of 128 pages each.

When we last noticed this periodical we spoke highly of its literary character and elegant illustrations. It has since been enlarged and improved in many respects. The fifth volume was completed with the March number, and three numbers of the sixth volume have been issued. People of literary tastes, and particularly those who delight in out-door recreations, will find much here to interest them.

*The Musical Record. A Journal of Music, Art, Literature.* Edited by DEETER SMITH. Boston: Oliver Ditson & Co. June, 1885. Published monthly, 32 pages royal 4to. each number. Price \$1 a year or 10 cts. a number.

This musical miscellany has been frequently commended to our readers in these pages. Mr. Smith, the editor, well sustains the reputation he has gained as the conductor of a magazine for people with musical tastes.

*Penhallow Papers, with Copies of Letters and Papers of an Early Date, as published in the New England Hist. and Gen. Register for January, 1878, and now with Additions and Brief Notices of Some Cotemporary Families.* Compiled by PEARCE W. PENHALLOW. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1885. 8vo. pp. 47.

*A Contribution to the Genealogy of the Handerson Family.* By Dr. H. E. HANDERSON. New York. 1885. 8vo. pp. 80. To be obtained of the author, 58 Ontario Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

*Col. John Bayard (1738-1807) and the Bayard Family of America.* By Gen. JAMES GRANT WILSON. With Portrait. New York: Trow's Printing and Bookbinding Co. 1885. 8vo. pp. 24.

*Descendants of Peter Cooper of Rowley, Mass.* By the late ALBION K. P. COOPER, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Portland, Me.: S. M. Watson. 1885. 8m. 4to. pp. 11.

*The Clevelands of Leicestershire, England.* 8vo. pp. 7.

*The Thacher Family. Facts which have been ascertained within eighteen months past touching the early history of the Thacher Family in England, chiefly through the indefatigable labors of Miss Julia W. Redfield of Pittsfield, Mass., with certain comments thereon.* 8m. 8vo. pp. 6.

We continue our quarterly notices of recent publications relating to genealogy.

The Penhallow family, which is first on our list, is an enlargement of the compiler's contribution to the REGISTER for January, 1878, which was afterward reprinted in pamphlet form. This ancient Cornwall family holds a distinguished position in the new world, and Capt. Penhallow has done well to preserve its memorials in print. The new work contains more about the English family with tabular pedigrees, and also new facts and documents relating to the family in America. It is handsomely printed and illustrated by a heliotype portrait of David Pearce, born 1736, died 1818.

The Handerson family, to which the next work on our list is devoted, is traced to James Handerson or Hinnison, of Hartford Ct., son of Mrs. Martha Handerson. He was born about 1675, and died at Hartford as early as 1746. The work seems to be carefully compiled, and contains full biographic details, especially concerning James Handerson and the members of his family. It has an index of christian names, and also of the surnames of those who have intermarried with the family.

The account of Col. Bayard is the annual address for this year before the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, and was delivered by Gen. Wilson, February 27, 1885. It was printed in the April number of the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, with a genealogy of Col. Bayard's descendants, and is here reprinted in pamphlet form. A portion of the address was read before the New Jersey Historical Society, May 16, 1878, and was printed in the Proceedings of that Society for that year. It is an able article, and contains much historical as well as genealogical matter.

The Cooper pamphlet, by the late Mr. Cooper of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been prepared for the press by his friend Edward Doubleday Harris, Esq., of that city, who pays a warm tribute to his memory. The emigrant ancestor of this family was Peter Cooper, who settled in Rowley, Mass., as early as 1643. The pamphlet is a reprint from the second number of the *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* for the current year.

The Cleveland pamphlet is a reprint of the contribution by H. G. Cleveland, Esq., of Cleveland, Ohio, to the April number of the REGISTER.

The Thacher pamphlet is by Peter Thacher, Esq., 85 Milk Street, Boston, and is dated May 18, 1885. It contains much new matter concerning the English Thachers. The author thinks that the facts he produces "all point to Queen Camel as the *locus in quo* to which the Thachers of New England are to look for their origin."

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO JUNE 1, 1885.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey, edited by William A. Whitehead, 1751-1757. Newark, N. J.: Daily Advertiser Printing House. 1885. 8vo. pp. 584.

Random Recollections of Worcester, Mass, 1839-1843. By Nathaniel Paine. Worcester. One hundred copies printed for private distribution. 1885. Private Press of Franklin P. Rice. 8vo. pp. 46.

Schiller's, Das Leid von der Clocke. School edition, with introduction and notes by Charles P. Otis, Ph.D. New York: Henry Holt and Co. 1885. 16mo. pp. 70.

The Old Stores and the Post-Office of Groton, Mass. By Samuel A. Green. Groton Historical Series, No. VII. Groton, 1885. 8vo. pp. 18.

Groton Historical Series. No. VIII. The Old Tavern and Stage Coaches of Groton, Groton, Mass.

The Church Bells of Norfolk, by the Rev. John James Raven, D.D., Head Master of Grammar School, Great Yarmouth. Reprinted from Nason's "History of Norfolk." 4to. pp. 15.

Final Notes on Witchcraft in Massachusetts. A summary vindication of the laws and liberties concerning attainders with corruption of blood, escheats, forfeitures for crime and pardon of offenders, in reply to the "Reasons," etc., of the Hon. Abner C. Goodell, Jr. By George H. Moore, LL.D. New York: Printed for the Author. 1885. 8vo. pp. 120.

The Attempts made to separate the West from the American Union. A paper read before the Missouri Historical Society, February 4, 1885, by the Rt. Rev. C. F. Robertson, D.D., LL.D. St. Louis. 1885. 8vo. pp. 60.

## II. Other Publications.

A Memorial of Mr. Ephraim Buttrick, born August 31st, 1763, died January 13th, 1874, and of Mrs. Mary Buttrick, born March 8, 1803, died February 14, 1885, presented as an offering of grateful remembrance by one who knew them for many years and loved and honored them both. Printed, not published. 1885. 8vo. pp. 17.

Documents relating to the History of the early Colonial Settlements, principally on Long Island, with a map of its western part. Made in 1866. Translated, compiled and edited from the original records in the office of the Secretary of State and the State Library, under direction of the Hon. Joseph B. Carr, Secretary of State. By E. Fernow, Keeper of the Historical Records. Albany. 1883. Large 8vo. pp. 800.

A difference of opinion concerning the reason why Katherine Winthrop refused to marry Chief Justice Sewall. Boston: Privately Printed. 1885. 8vo. pp. 25.

Annual Report of the German Society of the City of New York. 1884. 101st year. Printed by M. H. Green, 74 Beekman Street, New York. 8vo. pp. 79.

American Statistical Association. Memorial of Edward Jarvis, M.D., by Robert W. Wood, M.D. Boston: T. R. Marvin & Son, Printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 24.

William Cooper, the Town Clerk of Boston. A paper read at the meeting of the Boston Antiquarian Club, April 12, 1881, by Frederick Tuckerman. Amherst. 1885. 8vo. pp. 7.

Charles Hammond and his relations to Henry Clay and John Quincy Adams on constitutional limitations and the contest for freedom of speech and the press. An address delivered before the Chicago Historical Society, May 20, 1884. By Wm. Henry Smith. Published for the Chicago Historical Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 72.

The Winchester Record. January, April and July, 1885. Vol. I. Numbers 1, 2 and 3. Printed for the members of the Winchester Historical and Genealogical Society, by order of the Directors. 8vo.

Collections of the Rhode Island Historical Society. Volume VII. Providence: Kellogg Printing Company. 1885. 8vo. pp. 380.

Catalogue of the Groton Public Library of Groton, Mass. Groton. 1885. 8vo. pp. 192. The Roller Guide: a treatise on Rollers and Compositions, by C. P. Stevens. Second edition. Boston: Wild and Stevens, 8 and 12 Hawley Place. 1885. 8vo. pp. 52.

Transactions of the Royal Historical Society. New Series. Volume II. Part II. London: Longman, Green and Co. 1885. 8vo. pp. 404+

No. XXII. Proceedings at the Tenth Anniversary of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, January 27th, 1885. Address by Rev. Carleton A. Staples. Worcester, Mass.: Published by the Society. 1885. U.S.A. CIX. 8vo. pp. 100.

Catalogue of the Paintings, Engravings, Busts and miscellaneous articles belonging to the Cabinet of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Boston: Published by the Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 143.

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## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE PRINTING OF THE RECORDS OF THE COLONIES OF MASSACHUSETTS AND PLYMOUTH. —In the year 1850 the American Antiquarian Society commenced printing in the third volume of their "Archæologia Americana," the records of the General Court of the Colony of Massachusetts. A copy of the whole of the first volume had been made for the society by Mr. David Pulsifer, of whom the late Samuel F. Haven, LL.D., in his introduction to the printed records in the "Archæologia," says: "He unites the qualities of an expert in chirography with a genuine antiquarian taste and much familiarity with ancient records." Indeed at that time Mr. Pulsifer was acknow-

ledged to be more skilful and successful than any other person among us in decyphering the chirography of the seventeenth century.\* I doubt whether we have yet seen his superior.

Only one part of the third volume of the "Archæologia" had been printed when in 1853 the governor of Massachusetts, the Hon. John H. Clifford, who had previously called the attention of the Executive Council to the decayed and perishing condition of the early records, recommended, in a special message to the legislature on the 12th of February, that the two oldest volumes of the General Court records be printed at the expense of the state. A resolve was passed by the legislature, which was approved May 2, 1853, that the governor cause one hundred copies of these two volumes to be printed under the supervision of the secretary of state, who was allowed to "appoint some suitable person to prepare said volumes for printing and take charge of the same." The secretary, the Hon. Ephraim M. Wright, appointed, June 1, 1853, Dr. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, a skilful and zealous antiquary, to prepare the volumes for the press and to take charge of the printing.

The state purchased from the American Antiquarian Society the copy of the first volume made by Mr. Pulsifer, and that society proceeded no farther in printing the records. Mr. Pulsifer was employed by Secretary Wright to copy the other volume. In the preface to the first volume Dr. Shurtleff says: "The copying has been faithfully performed by David Pulsifer, Esq., a person well qualified for the purpose, being an expert in reading ancient chirography and well informed in the early history of Massachusetts." Dr. Shurtleff performed the editorial work generally, reading, by the original, the proofs of all the volumes which were issued while he had charge of the printing.

It will be noticed that only one hundred copies of the two volumes were ordered to be printed. Dr. Shurtleff took the wise precaution to have the work stereotyped, and the General Court, by a resolve, approved February 17, 1854, ordered that eleven hundred additional copies of the first two volumes be printed; and that "twelve hundred copies of the third, fourth and fifth volumes of the General Court Records, with suitable indices, be stereotyped and printed under the supervision of the secretary of the Commonwealth, who may appoint some competent person or persons to prepare said volume for printing and to take charge of the same, and to complete the Indices to the General Court Records already commenced." The same day that the resolve was approved, February 17, 1854, Secretary Wright issued the following certificate: "By the authority in me vested under a Resolve of the Legislature entitled 'Resolves concerning the Records of the General Court,' passed February 17, 1854, I do this day appoint David Pulsifer, Esq., as one of my assistants in preparing the volumes of said 'Records of the General Court' for printing as provided in said resolve." Under this appointment Mr. Pulsifer copied for the press the whole of the third volume, a part of the fourth, and a large part of the fifth and last volume, as he had previously copied the first two volumes. Under the same resolve Dr. Shurtleff, who is called the editor, was entrusted, December 1, 1854, by the secretary, with "preparing and printing the volumes."

Before the resolve of 1853 for printing the records was passed, the legislature had ordered by resolve of May 13, 1852, indexes of the records to be prepared and printed; and these indexes had been partly made by Messrs. Francis H. Underwood and Charles E. Stevens. The indexes were completed by Mr. Pulsifer and printed with the several volumes.

An edition of five hundred more copies of the five volumes, or six, as they were printed, was ordered by resolve approved March 24, 1855. The next year, May 15, 1856, the secretary was authorized to contract with the state printer, William White, for printing on his own account, for sale, from the stereotype plates belonging to the commonwealth, an edition of eight hundred copies of the Massachusetts records, provided he supplied members of the legislature at the cost of printing. This contract was limited June 4, 1856, to three years.

In 1855, after the Massachusetts records had been completed, the Hon. Henry J. Gardner, then governor of the state, in his inaugural address, called the attention of the legislature to this work, adding: "It is for you to consider if a labor so

\* Three years before this, in 1847, the late Rev. John A. Albro, D.D., in the preface to his life of the Rev. Thomas Shepard, pays a high tribute to his proficiency, when, after acknowledging his obligations to him for transcribing some peculiarly illegible letters of the Rev. Thomas Hooker to Mr. Shepard, he expresses his belief that Mr. Pulsifer was "the only man . . . who could have decyphered the chirography in which they have been locked up for more than two hundred years."

necessary shall be continued till our colonial archives are secured in a permanent and enduring form." The General Court, by a resolve approved March 24, 1855, ordered that the Records of the New Plymouth Colony be copied and stereotyped, and that eight hundred copies of the same be printed. The same day, March 24, Secretary Wright appointed Mr. Pulsifer to the position which he had held under the resolves for printing the Massachusetts records, or, to use his own words, as one of "my assistants in preparing said [Plymouth] Records for printing." Copies of these records were made for the presses by Mr. Pulsifer or by clerks under his direction, except certain portions which had been transcribed in 1818 by Benjamin R. Nichols, Esq., when the records had been arranged and bound in volumes. Two days later, March 26, Dr. Shurtleff was reappointed to "prepare for the press" these records and "superintend the printing," in the same manner in which he had edited the other series of volumes. A resolve approved May 30, 1857, provided that nine of the volumes which it had originally been intended to print, should not be printed.

In 1858 some dissatisfaction was expressed at Dr. Shurtleff's management of the printing, principally at its cost, and a resolve of the legislature, approved March 27, terminated his connection with it by placing the superintendence of the printing, as well as the copying, in the hands of a clerk in the secretary's office. Hon. Oliver Warner, then secretary, appointed Mr. Pulsifer to the position. I presume that the framers of the resolve intended that he should fill the place. In the certificate of his appointment Mr. Warner used this language concerning Mr. Pulsifer: "As a penman, and in all clerical qualifications, he has no superior. The studies and practice of his life have rendered him competent and reliable as a decypherer of the handwriting of the earlier periods of our history, to a degree not equalled perhaps by any other person. He is accurate, vigilant, industrious and indefatigable in this his chosen pursuit." These sentences were written for Secretary Warner by the late Hon. Charles W. Upham. Two of the four volumes which bear Mr. Pulsifer's name as editor are volumes 9 and 10, containing "The Acts of the Commissioners of the United Colonies," upon which much labor was bestowed. They had previously been printed in the second volume of Hazard's State Papers. Mr. Pulsifer, after transcribing from the original a few pages of the record, procured a copy of this volume and corrected it by the records. I remember calling upon Mr. Pulsifer several times while he was engaged in correcting the pages, and being surprised at the number of changes that were found necessary to make, some of them essentially altering the meaning of the records. The corrections were made in red ink, and the pages literally bristled with them. After the printed pages had been made to conform to the original record, a work which required as much care and nearly as much labor as an entire transcription, they were used as printer's copy.

Mr. Pulsifer who, after the sole charge of printing the records was placed in his hands, had no assistant, devoted himself to the labor with the utmost assiduity. Much of his work was done out of office hours, he being frequently engaged in decyphering the records and correcting proof till midnight. For this extra work he has not received compensation.

Two copies of the records of the Commissioners are preserved, one at Plymouth, belonging to the Plymouth Colony, and the other at Hartford, belonging to the Connecticut Colony. The Plymouth copy was printed, as before stated, in 1794, by Hazard. "The Connecticut copy is ampler in some respects than the Plymouth." Mr. Pulsifer obtained a copy of such portions as do not appear in the Plymouth records, and printed it in an appendix, where he also gives other historical matter, so that the editorial work on these two volumes is the most satisfactory of that on any volumes in the series. Besides the Plymouth records and the addition from the Connecticut copy, Mr. Pulsifer had the use of some of the original minutes signed by the Commissioners. The portions of these records of the Commissioners not printed by Hazard, not, as has been stated recently, the entire records, were the same year printed in the third volume of the Connecticut Colonial Records.

I have been more particular in this article in referring to the work of Mr. Pulsifer on the records, as it is not so well known to the public as that of Dr. Shurtleff.

JOHN WARD DEAN.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS.—There is a serious typographical error in "History of the Virginia Company" to which my attention has recently been called, which

probably would not have happened, had I not been abroad when the work was published.

In quoting from Hamor, on page 91, he is made to write that Pocahontas "and her two sons" witnessed her marriage. The *her* is a misprint for *his*, the sons of Powhatan. By copying from the "Virginia Company" the error is reproduced in "English Colonization of America," published in 1871 by Strahan and Company, London. It is my wish to make the correction as wide as possible.

In this connection I would refer to a lapsus pennæ in "Virginia Vetusta," published this year by Munsell's Sons, Albany, N. Y. The preface correctly mentions the children of John Rolfe as named Thomas and Elizabeth, but on page 141 Elizabeth is called Jane, which was the name of her mother.

*Saint Paul, Minn.*

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**BELCHERTOWN SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.**—The Springfield Republican of March 6, 1885, contains an interesting account of this monument, written by P. W. Lyman, Esq., of Belchertown, Mass.

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**COLONIAL GOVERNORS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND ITS PROVINCES.**—John S. H. Fogg, M.D., of South Boston, Mass., has contributed to the "American Antiquarian" (New York), a list of these officials. In his introduction he remarks: "Having been for many years interested in collecting a complete series of commissions and letters of the Governors of Massachusetts and its various colonies previous to their becoming a part of the state, I have been much perplexed to know by whose authority I should be guided in my efforts. After much research I have concluded that no one of the accredited lists is entirely correct, and have prepared one for my own guidance, which I think will be acknowledged by all who are familiar with the subject to be as nearly perfect as it can now be made. In arranging the governors of the colonies that were united to Massachusetts in 1692, I have found little to aid me, except a pretty thorough examination of the various histories of those localities. No list of their governors, except Plymouth and a portion of Maine, has heretofore been attempted." Dr. Fogg's list is printed in the "Antiquarian" for April, 1885, pp. 246-8. It is carefully prepared and will be found very useful.

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**WESTERN BOUNDARY OF MASSACHUSETTS.**—A paper on this subject was read before the quarterly meeting of the Berkshire Historical Society at Pittsfield, May 7, 1885, by Frank L. Pope, Esq., of Elizabeth, N. J., and is printed in the numbers of *The Berkshire Courier*, Great Barrington, Mass., for May 13, May 20 and May 27. It contains much information concerning the Anti-Rent and Boundary Wars of Ancient Hampshire.

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**DIARY OF DAVID ZEISBERGER.**—Messrs. Robert Clarke & Co. have in press for the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, "The Diary of David Zeisberger, Moravian Missionary among the Indians of Ohio during the years 1781 to 1798. Translated from the Original Manuscript in German by Eugene F. Bill." It will make 2 vols. 8vo. Price \$6 in cloth. The edition is small, and early application will be necessary to secure copies.

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**FOOTPRINTS OF WHITEFIELD.**—Under this title John T. Perry, Esq., of Exeter, N. H., contributes to the *Baptist Quarterly Review* for January, 1885, an interesting article on the missionary labors of Whitefield in Exeter, with an account of the doings of his followers there. Here, in the open air, that famous pulpit orator preached his last sermon to a crowd of anxious hearers. The next morning he died at Newburyport, where his remains are buried.



**WHITMORE'S ANCESTRAL TABLETS.**—Messrs. Cupples, Upham & Co., 283 Washington Street, Boston, will shortly issue a new and improved edition of this valuable work. It is, as our readers generally know, a book of diagrams so arranged that eight generations of the ancestors of any person may be recorded in a connected and simple form.

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**SIR WALTER RALEIGH.**—An effort is being made to carry out the Restoration of All Saints Church, East Budleigh, Devon, which is not only of local but of general interest as being the parish church of the Raleigh family; Sir Walter Raleigh having been born in the parish, and his father having been churchwarden in A. D. 1561. Donations or subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Rev. W. Frederick Green, Vicar, or the treasurer, R. H. Lipscomb, Esq., East Budleigh, Devon, England, who will furnish circulars in relation to the plan of Restoration.

**BICKNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION.**—This association, composed of descendants of Zachary and Agnes Bicknell, who came from England and settled in Weymouth, Mass., in 1635, will this year celebrate the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the family in this country. The preliminary social meeting will be held in Boston, Mass., Thursday evening, October 6. The principal meetings, including addresses, poems, a "family dinner," music and other exercises, will take place on Wednesday, the 7th. On Thursday morning, the 8th, a pilgrimage by railroad will be made to Weymouth, to view the old "Homestead" and the monument erected by this association. Communications in relation to this family gathering should be addressed to Alfred Bicknell, corresponding secretary, 82 Water Street, Boston.

**LOCAL HISTORIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons having facts or documents relating to any of these cities, towns, counties, etc., are advised to send them at once to the persons engaged in writing the several histories.

**Deerfield, Mass.** By Hon. George Sheldon, of Deerfield.—Mr. Sheldon, who has been engaged many years in collecting materials for a "History of Deerfield, with Genealogies," on the 16th of February last commenced publishing his work in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*. From two to three columns in each weekly issue of that paper are devoted to Mr. Sheldon's history. The 18th number appeared June 15. The author has long been known as one familiar with the history of the Pocumtuck Indians and the Indian wars in western Massachusetts. Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9 are devoted to that tribe of Indians, and King Philip's war is begun in No. 10, and is not yet completed. The *Gazette and Courier* is published every Monday morning by E. A. Hall, price \$2.15 a year. We trust that many of our readers will subscribe to the paper, and preserve the numbers. They will find much information of general as well as local interest.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think will be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from college or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of birth, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Andrews.** By Lieut. George Andrews, U.S.A., Fort Snelling, Minn.—The title of Lieut. Andrews's book will be "Genealogy of the Descendants of John and Alice Andrews of Taunton." Information concerning descendants of past or present generations is solicited.

**Barrett.** By J. H. Potter, Esq., Concord, Mass.—This book, which is nearly

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*Butterfield.* By A. Augustine Butterfield, Esq., Jacksonville, Vt.—The work will be devoted to the descendants of Benjamin Butterfield, of Brattleboro', Vt., who was assistant judge of the court of common pleas and general sessions of the county of Cumberland, Province of New York, that is Windham and Windsor counties, Vermont.

*Cunnabell.* By John B. Newcomb, Elgin, Ill.—We have been favored with advance sheets of the early signatures of Mr. Newcomb's work on the Cunnabell, Conable or Connable Family. It shows faithful research. It is handsomely printed and illustrated with plans and autographs.

*Dowd.* By W. W. Dowd, Esq., Port Chester, N. Y.—The book which is nearly ready will be devoted to the descendants of Henry Dowd or Doude, an early settler of Guilford, Ct. The price will be \$3.50 in cloth, and \$5.50 in morocco gilt. A reunion of the descendants of Henry Dowd will be held in Madison, Ct., September 2, 1885.

*Estabrook.* By William B. Estabrook, Esq., Ithaca, N. Y.—This family is descended from the Rev. Joseph Estabrook, of Concord, Mass. Facts relating to persons of the name solicited.

*Marsh.* By Rev. D. W. Marsh, of Amherst, Mass.—This book is to be prepared under the direction of a committee of the family. There has been collected the names of 3000 descendants of John Marsh, an early settler of Hartford, Ct.; 2000 descendants of George Marsh, of Hingham, Mass., and many descendants of William Marsh, of Plainfield, Ct.

*Montague.* By George W. Montague of New York City and Prof. William L. Montague of Amherst, Mass.—This work will soon be put to press, and will probably be published in the autumn. It will embody the collections of Major Richard and Mr. David Montague, begun one hundred years ago, Mr. William H. Montague begun more than fifty years ago, the late Miss Mary Montague of Granby and others. It will be an octavo of from 600 to 700 pages, with numerous artotype portraits, and will contain over seven thousand names.

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*Slocum.* By Charles E. Slocum, M.D., Ph.D., Defiance, Ohio.—A volume supplementary to Dr. Slocum's "History of the Slocums," noticed by us in October, 1882, is in preparation by him, and considerable material has been already gathered. Corrections of and additions to his former work should be sent to him to the above address. A few copies of the History remain unsold, and will be furnished at \$10 by express, or \$10.30 by mail, till Jan. 1, 1886, after which the price may be raised.

*Terry.* By Stephen Terry, Esq., Hartford, Ct.—Mr. Terry is collecting genealogical matter relating to the descendants of Samuel Terry, of Hartford, Ct., 1656.

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## BOOK NOTICES.

*John Howard Payne. A Biographical Sketch of the author of "Home, Sweet Home," with a narrative of the removal of his remains from Tunis to Washington.* By CHARLES H. BRAINARD. Illustrated. Washington, D. C. George A. Coolidge, Curcoran Building. 1885. 8vo. pp. 144.

The career of this once celebrated but now nearly forgotten genius, affords a striking illustration in our literature of the display, not only of exceptional but of phenomenal qualities in very early youth. John Howard Payne was a poet, dramatist, editor, actor, critic and teacher before he was eighteen years of age. He exhibited in these various avocations not only mere precocity, but that maturity of thought and intellect which we are accustomed to look for only in the fully developed man. He excited the applause of the general public as well as the admiration of his friends. He won the regard of such men as Washington Irving, Coleridge, Campbell, John Philip Kemble, Southey, Rogers, Daniel O'Connell, Charles Phillips, Talma, President Tyler and his family, and many other prominent persons, by his singularly fascinating qualities of manner and by his remarkable ability. Many of the above named became his intimate associates and assistants. In whatever position he was placed he became distinguished. And yet the fame of this eminent man has been suffered to pass into unmerited oblivion, or if known, it is only through his touching song of home. The public is very apt to forget those prominent characters whose affairs are not continually before it in the newspapers of the day. It is constantly brushing aside the old and welcoming the new candidates for popular favor. Probably if the name and works of Payne had been mentioned and quoted by the press as often as those of more fortunate authors, he would now have a share in the remembrance of the people of to-day, and not have been consigned to the list of those "Neglected Poets" of whom he once wrote, and to whose number he little thought perhaps that he was to be added.

John Howard Payne was the author of one of the best tragedies, *Brutus*; one of the brightest comedies, *Charles II.*; and some of the finest short poems and domestic dramas written in the present century, while his genius has been illustrated on the stage by such men as Edmund Kean and Forrest. No complete edition of his works has ever been published. A portion of them can be found in a life of the author by Gabriel Harrison, of Brooklyn, New York.

To the earlier period of Payne's life, which is by far the most interesting portion, Mr. Brainard devotes but little space in the volume under notice, and in the little he has given us there are several errors. On the first page he states that "the paternal ancestors of John Howard Payne emigrated from England to America about the year 1622." There is no evidence to support this statement. The history of Thomas Paine, of Eastham, Mass., from whom John Howard descended, is very meagre. Mr. Josiah Paine, of Harwich, in his history of the Eastham branch of the family, mentions that, according to the family tradition, Thomas Paine was about ten years of age when he came to this country with his father, also named Thomas. No date of his arrival is recorded, but it is conjectured to have been previous to 1639, as his father is supposed to have been the Thomas Paine who was a deputy from Yarmouth to the general court at Plymouth during that year. William Payne, the father of the poet, was educated by the Rev. Thomas Crocker, and not the Rev. Samuel Osborn, of Eastham, as described by Mr. Brainard. Clinton Academy at East Hampton, L. I., of which William Payne was principal, was named in honor of Gov. George Clinton, of New York, and not of De Witt Clinton, who was a child at the time of its establishment in 1784. Mr. Brainard states that John Howard Payne was born at No. 33 Pearl Street, near the corner of Broad Street, New York. Other accounts make this No. 33 Broad Street. In regard to the date of the birth of the poet there is also a conflict of authorities. Mr. Brainard follows Harrison, who mentions that the family records make 1791 the year of his birth, but the writer of this review, who is himself the author of an uncompleted biography of John Howard Payne, published in the *Musical Record* of this city, took great pains to verify this date, and was unable to find a single fact in support of it. On the contrary, all the circumstances, together with the poet's own statements, make it apparent that 1792 is the correct year. Indeed, Mr. Brainard himself indorses this fact when on page 7 he describes the editor Coleman's interview with young Payne, and his discovery that the boy was only thirteen in January, 1806.

But in narrating the later life of his subject, Mr. Brainard has been much more successful. He has corrected the popular impression that the author of "Home, Sweet Home" was a homeless wanderer. He has enlivened his work by several interesting anecdotes of Payne, with whom he was personally acquainted, and added a very graphic account of the removal of the remains of the poet from Tunis, the place of his death and earlier burial, to Washington, through the kindly instrumentality of William W. Corcoran, the eminent Washington banker.

The book is illustrated with several authentic portraits of John Howard Payne, a fac-simile of a copy by the poet's own hand of the words of his memorable song, which he gave to Mr. Brainard, a view of Payne's monument erected by Mr. Corcoran at Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, where the remains now lie, and a view of the ceremonies on the occasion of the re-burial. It is handsomely printed and bound.

*By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.*

*First Essays on Banking and the First Paper Money in New England. From the Report of the Council of the American Antiquarian Society, presented at the Annual Meeting held in Worcester, October 21, 1884. By J. HAMMOND TRUMBULL. Worcester, Mass.: Privately Printed. 1884. 8vo. pp. 40.*

This interesting pamphlet adds materially to our knowledge of the first banks and bank projectors in New England, and of the use of paper money here prior to the emission of colonial bills of credit in 1690. It calls attention to a tract recently brought to light, printed in Boston early in 1682, whose author is believed to have been the Rev. John Woodbridge of Newbury. In this tract the writer recites the efforts which had been making during a series of years, to secure the establishment of a Land Bank,—“a Fund of Land, by Authority, or Private Persons, in nature of a Money Bank, or Merchandise-Lumber [Lombard], to pass credit upon by book-entries, or Bills of Exchange for great Payments, and Change Bills for running Cash.” He argues for a circulating medium, and insists that “intrinsic

value is not essential to a thing merely good for exchange." He presents the reasons in favor of such a bank, and he seems to have been able to show practically the value of what he had been recommending; as a bank of credit was started under his direction, and probably, for the most part, on his capital, in March, 1671, and was "carried on in private for many months," though without issue of bills. Ten years later a private bank of credit was established, and in September, 1681, began to issue bills. It is inferred that the scheme was a success, and that the projector was largely benefited by it, as mention is made by Cotton Mather of the remarkable blessing of God upon the private estate of Mr. Woodbridge. In 1686 the president (Joseph Dudley) and council authorized John Blackwell, a late M. P. and soldier under Cromwell, with others, to issue and circulate notes based on land security and stamped on paper like the province bills. This was the first chartered bank in Massachusetts; it lasted, probably, for about two years; all we know certainly of it, is from a brief reference made to it in an anonymous pamphlet printed in 1714. In 1690, in order to provide for the payment of the soldiers who had returned from the disastrous expedition to Canada, the government had recourse to an expedient, which, says Palfrey, "proved fruitful of mischief to the Colony through two generations." This was the issue of a paper currency, "the first bills of public credit known in the American colonies." These bills were declared to be "in value equal to money," and were to be accepted by the treasurer "in all publick payments." The trouble with this issue of bills and of those which followed them, was that no provision was made for their redemption. The soldiers and sailors who were the first to receive them, could obtain only about seventy-five per cent. of their face value in coin, and, naturally, the depreciation increased as time went on and the amount in circulation was increased. It was necessary to write up their value, if possible; and Dr. Trumbull quotes many interesting and suggestive sentences from a noteworthy, but, hitherto, nearly unnoticed pamphlet, prepared in defence of them, the first part of which, as he conjectures, was written by Cotton Mather (his father in law, John Phillips, was then treasurer of the colony), and the second by John Blackwell, mentioned above. Of the many pamphleteers who followed in the same field, one of the most eminent was the Rev. John Wise, who is believed to have been the author of a tractate printed in 1721, entitled, "A Word of Comfort to a Melancholy Country." To this writer, whose pseudonym was *Amicus Patriæ*, we seem to be indebted for the term *Fiat Money*, as well as for arguments in favor of its issue on these shores, which, at least, had the merit of originality, as compared with much that we have heard during the last few years. Dr. Trumbull's *résumé* of this old time financial literature deserves the thoughtful reading of the students of political economy and of the public men of our own day.

By Hamilton Andrews Hill, A.M., of Boston.

*Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College, with the Annals of the College History: October, 1701—May, 1745.* By FRANKLIN BOWDITCH DEXTER, M.A. New York: Henry Holt and Company. 1885. Royal 8vo. pp. viii.+788. Price \$5.

At length, after long years of waiting, we have a most substantial and honorable beginning toward a biographical history of Yale College. We understand that this is something of a private venture on the part of Mr. Dexter, secretary of the college, and we trust that the alumni and friends of the institution will not fail to give such large encouragement that an enterprise so important may go on vigorously to the end. Several of the younger colleges of New England, starting in the closing years of the last century or the early years of the present, have, in a more or less creditable manner already finished this work. But their task was comparatively easy. To go back and trace the lives and fortunes of the early graduates of Harvard and Yale Colleges involves no small amount of labor. It is true that the early history of Harvard lies sixty years farther back in the shadows of the wilderness than the beginnings of Yale. But both are far enough away, so that many items pertaining to their early history are covered with such clouds of obscurity that they almost elude research. A notable example is presented in the fact that John Harvard, the founder of Harvard College, has only just now, at the end of two hundred and fifty years, been surely traced to his English origin and belongings, by Henry F. Waters, Esq., our agent in English research.

Rev. John Langdon Sibley, for many years librarian of Harvard, has already done a most important work in unearthing the early annals and biographies of that institution. His three portly volumes, covering the period from 1642 to 1689, may



stand as monuments of wise research and long-continued patience and labor in this department of study.

Until Yale College came into existence in 1701, the colony of Connecticut sent her sons to Harvard for their education. They passed to and fro, by long and difficult land journeys or by water, according as their dwelling-places were in the hilly interior of the state or near the Sound and the chief river. So Samuel Treat, Timothy Edwards, Samuel Hooker, Simon Bradstreet, John Haynes, Joseph Haynes, Samuel Wolcott and others, received their public education, between the years 1642 and 1701.

The number of graduates of Yale College in the forty-four years covered by this history, is 483, of whom 10 cannot be traced. Of the 473 remaining we have biographies, longer or shorter, giving the substantial facts of each one's life, with the lists, so far as possible, of their published works. In connection with brief biographies of the members of each class, the annals of the college are placed alongside for that year.

We have long been satisfied that the two ancient colleges of New England, by the materials which they have stored up in their General Catalogues, furnish as good a basis as we have, for establishing the fact (which many seem to doubt) that the average length of life in this country is increasing. In this new Yale volume, Hubert A. Newton, LL.D., Professor of Mathematics in the college, has prepared a table of mortality showing the life periods of these men. Without going into the details of the table, we take from it one comprehensive fact, that of the 473 men whose fortunes are traced, 153 lived beyond 70 years. At first thought this might seem to show a high average.

But compare this with the modern statistics. At the last commencement (June, 1885), there were reported for the year previous 77 deaths among the alumni of the college. Of these 37 were over 70 years old, and 40 less than 70. For the year before there were 77 deaths, and 33 were over 70, and 44 were less than 70. But these two years show a somewhat greater average of life than is, even now, common. Take the ten years, 1876-1885, inclusive, and the whole number of deaths among the alumni of Yale was 679, and of these 271 lived beyond the age of 70, and 401 fell short of that age. To make the early graduates of average age at death with the later, 187 of the 473 should have passed the age of 70; or to show the same thing in the opposite direction, if we put the later graduates on the same basis as the former, 215 only, instead of 271, of the 672, should have lived beyond 70 years.

The early arrangement of the names of the students on the Harvard and Yale catalogues, according to their supposed family rank, makes another basis for comparative statistics. This custom continued at Harvard one hundred and thirty years, ending with the class of 1772. In Yale the custom was changed five years earlier, ending with the class of 1767. A wise and sagacious study of the catalogues in connection with this practice, leads to some valuable conclusions, but upon this we will not now enter.

We only trust that Mr. Dexter may have encouragement to go on in a work which is so well begun.

*By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of West Newton, Mass.*

*An Old Planter in New England.* Royal 8vo. pp. 104.

Under the above title the Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury has printed, but not published, a pleasant memorial sketch of his American ancestor, John Woodbury, or Woodberry, as the name was formerly spelt before the ridiculous perversion of English surnames grew up on this side of the ocean.

Mr. Woodbury traces the history of his progenitor with the aid of such scanty materials as have been published from time to time, and with such evident relish and spirit that we much regret the want of more satisfactory resources to so competent a hand.

Perhaps of all our early coast settlements, the annals of none are so much be-fogged as that at Cape Ann. Hence any contribution is welcome, even though it may leave the question practically where it was before. But we need that lost chapter badly. In the meantime we think the first house that was built at Cape Ann was the one erected by men sent from Plymouth in 1624.

In discussing the legal status of the handful of Old Planters at Salem, Mr. Woodbury enters upon debatable ground; and though it is not shown that they were in possession of anything more than squatters' rights, we fail to see that they

suffered oppression from the Massachusetts Company when the situation came to be understood in England. That company was, in fact, the outgrowth of Rev. Mr. White's promise to these Old Planters that they should be sustained, the doing of which led to the absorption of the old Dorchester Company which these Old Planters represented. The Dorchester Company was a failure, the Massachusetts Company a success.

Mr. Woodbury takes occasion to give the Puritans a dig. No doubt they had their failings, but we have found them much like other folk. Contrasting what was actually done by Gorges and Mason toward effecting settlements in New England, with what was performed by the Puritan emigrants, the results may safely be left to speak for themselves. And the issue may be broadly stated as that of Profits *vs.* Principles.

The hundred and odd pages of Mr. Woodbury's monograph are replete with facts that are, at any rate, grouped in a new and interesting light. Two heliotypes further brighten these pages. Again we say that we are heartily glad to give them a place among the historical literature dealing with the vital period of New England colonization. No more grateful task could have fallen to the lot of an honored representative of the name of Woodbury. By all means let others who have the blood of the founders in their veins go and do likewise.

S. A. D.

*Official Letters of Alexander Spotswood, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Virginia, 1710-1722. Now First Printed from the Manuscript in the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society. With an Introduction and Notes.* By R. A. Brock, Corresponding Secretary and Librarian of the Society. Vol. II. Richmond, Virginia: Published by the Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 368.

The initial volume of the Spotswood Papers was noticed in this periodical July, 1882, and in passing judgment on the second volume before us we are ready to repeat what was then said: "The value of these documents as materials for the history of Virginia cannot be overestimated." The letters in the present volume cover a period of nine years, from 1712 to 1721, and consist of interesting and important communications addressed by Governor Spotswood to the Commissioners of Trade, the Bishop of London, the Secretaries of State, and other prominent English officials either publicly or privately connected with the promotion of colonial interests in Virginia. It is pleasant to be able to commend the excellent annotations supplied by Mr. Brock, which represent the fruit of an extensive system of research as evidenced by the citation of authority, and to say in addition that they make the volume thrice valuable by their addition. An excellent index to the two volumes is appended. The press-work and general appearance of the volume is highly creditable to the Richmond printers, and make it a worthy volume to take its place beside the other issues of the society.

By Charles Edward Banks, M.D., U. S. Marine Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.

*Proceedings of the Bostonian Society at the Annual Meeting, January 13, 1885.* Boston: Old State-House. Published by order of the Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 90.

This is the third year that the Proceedings of the Bostonian Society have been printed in pamphlet form. The society was incorporated December, 1861, to promote the study of the history of Boston and the preservation of its antiquities; and in June, 1882, it took possession, under a lease from the city government, of the restored council chamber and hall of the representatives in the Old State-House (see REGISTER, xxxvi. 423; xxxvii. 328; xxxviii. 360).

This pamphlet contains the president's address, the reports of the several officers and committees, a list of members and the by-laws of the society. The report of the committee on rooms, written by Mr. James Rindge Stanwood, gives an interesting account of the principal objects of interest which have been added to the society's collection since the last report, while appended is a minute description of every accession and loan. On this Mr. Stanwood has bestowed great labor in making its statements precise and accurate. Another valuable paper is a similar description of the society's collection illustrating the topography of Boston. Mr. Stanwood has with much care given the essential details concerning the various maps, plans and views of Boston. The list shows that much has been done in collecting articles in this line by the society. The pamphlet is illustrated by an albertype view of the Old State-House in 1885, the seal of the society, printed in colors, and the inscription on the old Scandinavian ship-bell recently placed in its custody.

*The Marble Border of Western New England; its Geology and Marble Development in the Present Century. Papers and Proceedings of the Middlebury Historical Society.* Vol. I. Part II. Middlebury, Vt.: Published by the Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 68.

The latest publication of the Middlebury Historical Society, which is before us, contains two papers relating to the marble belt which stretches along the western border of New England, and to the industries which it calls forth. The first, by Prof. Ezra Brainard, is entitled "The Geological Features of the Marble Belt." It is illustrated by a geological map of the region, drawn by Prof. Brainard. The second paper, by Prof. Henry M. Seeley, is on "The Marble Fields and the Marble Industry of Western New England." An historical "Introduction" by Philip Battell, Esq., the secretary of the society, and an "Appendix" of correspondence and other articles on the subject, complete the work. The quarrying and working of marble is shown to be an important New England industry, and valuable inventions have resulted from it.

*A Family Genealogical Record.* W. B. Clarke and Carruth, Boston. 1885. Folio, pp. 17. Price \$1.25.

This is the work announced in our July number. It is a series of blanks for the registration of ten generations of the ancestors of any person. The arrangement is very clear. The first page gives the person's ancestry to the third generation, that is, it gives his parents and grandparents. Of the other pages, two are devoted to each of his great-grandparents, whose ancestors for six generations, one hundred and twenty-six in number, are spread before the eye, showing clearly the connection of one branch with another. The different generations are marked with Roman numerals, I. to X. Each individual also is distinguished by a number, from 1 to 1023. There is ample room in the space allotted to each person for the most important facts in his history, while blank leaves are added in which further particulars can be inserted if desired. It will be found convenient as a registry of one's ancestors.

*Diary of David Zeisberger, a Moravian Missionary among the Indians of Ohio. Translated from the Original German Manuscript and Edited by* EGGENE F. BLISS. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co., for the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio. 1885. 2 vols. 8vo. pp. xxxii.+464 and 535. Price \$6.

The original manuscript of this diary was presented to the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio by Judge Ebenezer Lane, in behalf of the Moravian Society, probably in 1854. The first thirty pages of the diary, to Oct. 25, 1781, were printed in the original German in the *Deutsche Pioneer* of Cincinnati (November, 1873, to April, 1874), but with omissions and inaccuracies. The rest of the diary has never before been printed, and this is the first English translation.

David Zeisberger was born in Moravia, April 11, 1721, and died at Goshen, Ohio, a settlement which he had founded, Nov. 7, 1808. He was educated in Moravian schools in Saxony and Holland. When fifteen years old he went to London, and made the acquaintance of Gen. Oglethorpe, who assisted him to reach Georgia, where his parents had previously settled. In 1740, he was one of the founders of Bethlehem, Pa. Soon after this he became a missionary to the Indians, and labored in Pennsylvania, Western New York, Ohio and Michigan.

The diary embraces seventeen years, from 1781 to 1798, "the most eventful period in the life of this celebrated missionary. It contains an account of the removal of the Indian church, from the Muskingum to the Sandusky; of the journey of the Missionaries to Detroit and their return to Sandusky, in 1781; of the removal of the Indian church to Clinton River, Michigan, the next year, and their settlement there till 1786, when they returned to Ohio, settling on the Cuyahoga and Huron rivers. There they remained until 1791, when they again crossed the mouth of the Detroit river, 1791-2. They then established themselves on the River Thames in Canada, about twenty miles from Detroit. In 1798, Zeisberger returned, with a portion of the Indian church, to their old settlement in Tuscarawas county, Ohio." These volumes are full of information concerning the history of our western borders near the close of the last century.

The work is handsomely printed and is well indexed. The Historical Society of Ohio, Mr. Bliss the editor, and Messrs. Robert Clarke & Co. the publishers, deserve great credit for the manner in which these volumes are brought out.

*Some New England Almanacs, with Special Mention of the Almanacs of Rhode Island.* By AMOS PERRY. Providence: E. L. Freeman & Co., Printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 13.

This is a paper read before the Rhode Island Historical Society, October 7, 1884, which was printed in the *Narraganset Historical Register* for July, 1885, and is here reprinted as a pamphlet. It contains much useful information concerning New England almanacs, particularly those in the library of that society.

*Our Parish Registers; being Three Hundred Years of curious Local History, as collected from the Original Registers, Churchwardens' Accounts, and Monumental Records of the old Parish of Waltham Holy Cross.* By W. WINTERS, F. R. Hist. Soc. Published by the Author, Churchyard, Waltham Abbey, Essex. 1885. 12mo. pp. 239.

This curious and valuable little volume contains a large collection of genealogical and historical material, taken from the records of the ancient church of Waltham Holy Cross, or Waltham Abbey, as it is also called. The registers date from June, 1563, and consist of nine volumes, from which our author has extracted a large number of entries of baptisms, burials and parish transactions. Many well known names occur among the baptisms and burials; the Howards, Earls of Carlisle, the Sackvilles, Earls of Dorset and Middlesex, and many gentle and knightly families having had seats in this vicinity. The children of the notorious robber "Dick" Turpin were here baptized, and there are quaint entries which illustrate the manners and customs of ancient days. The author has freely interspersed numerous notes, some humorous, but all taken together forming an important addition to the work. There is much appropriate poetry inserted, which is of no special value to the genealogist, nevertheless does no harm, and makes the book entertaining.

The inscriptions from the churchyard and tombs are comparatively modern, but for ages, abbots, noblemen and other worthies were interred within its walls, and in the eastern choir the remains of Harold, the last Saxon King, found a resting place. In the thirteenth century representatives of the mighty race of Neville were buried here, and the locality is one which cannot fail to arouse the interest and enthusiasm of the antiquary and the student of English history.

Mr. Winters has done a good work, and it is to be hoped that he will continue to add to his list of historical publications. An index to such a book would involve much labor and expense, but its absence is always to be regretted.

By George K. Clarke, L.L.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Historical Nuggets, Bibliotheca Americana, or a Descriptive Account of our Rare Books relating to America.* By HENRY STEVENS, G.M.B., F.S.A., and HENRY NEWTON STEVENS. London: Henry Stevens & Son, 115 St. Martin's Lane, Charing Cross. 1885. Vol. III. Part I. May, 1885. Fcp. 8vo. pp. 80. Issued in parts and in bound volumes. Price \$2.50 or 10s. 6d. a volume, or 2s. 6d. a part.

*A Catalogue of Rare Books relating to America. For sale by Henry Stevens & Son, London, W. C. Part I. A—Oct.* 12mo. pp. 48. July, 1885.

In 1862, Mr. Stevens issued his "Historical Nuggets" in two volumes, which, as a descriptive catalogue of books relating to America, has long been prized by collectors and librarians. He has now commenced a new series. The pamphlet before us is Part I. of Vol. I. second series, or Vol. III. of the whole work. There will be eight volumes of about 400 pages each in the new series; and they will contain some twelve thousand titles. Mr. Stevens's thorough knowledge of the early history and bibliography of America renders his historical and descriptive notes, which are minute and exhaustive, of the highest value.

The second pamphlet is a selection from the "Nuggets" of the more rare works for sale by the firm, most of which are in fine bindings. The descriptive notes are, however, not so full as in that work.

*General Roger Enos. A lost Chapter of Arnold's Expedition to Canada, 1775.* By Rev. HORACE EDWIN HAYDEN. Sm. 4to. pp. 14. 1885.

This is a reprint of an article by the Rev. Mr. Hayden, of Wilkes-Barre, in the *Magazine of American History* for May, 1885. It is an able defence of Gen. Enos from the attacks of those who have condemned him for returning from Arnold's Expedition. Mr. Hayden shows that Gen. Enos's conduct was justified by some of the most able and trusted officers of the revolution, as it has been by some of our most reliable writers.

*A Difference of Opinion concerning the Reasons why Katharine Winthrop refused to marry Chief Justice Sewall.* Boston: Privately printed. 1885. 8vo. pp. 25.

The present pamphlet, which is also styled "A Few Words in Defence of an Elderly Lady," is by Robert C. Winthrop, Jr. It is a reply to some remarks of the Rev. Dr. George E. Ellis, in which mercenary motives were attributed to the step-ancestress of the writer. It is written with ability and is full of true wit.

*Swampscott: Historical Sketches of the Town.* By WALDO THOMPSON. Lynn: Press of Thomas P. Nichols. 1885. 12mo. pp. xi. + 241. Price \$1. Sold by Cupples, Upham & Co., 283 Washington Street, Boston.

This interesting and readable little book, with its modest title, gives a brief account of the early settlement of Swampscott, until 1852 a part of Lynn, with notices of the Ingalls family and other of the early settlers. There is quite a full account of the incorporation of the town in 1852, and of events immediately subsequent. A large portion of the volume is devoted to anecdotes, interesting occurrences, among which marine adventures and casualties occupy a prominent place, and there is much relative to citizens and summer residents of the town. Mr. Thompson gives the history of various well-known estates, among others the Mudge estate, which two hundred and fifty years ago belonged to the Humphreys, and in 1843 was purchased by the Hon. E. R. Mudge.

The biographical notices, especially those of soldiers and sailors in the civil war, are carefully prepared, and greatly increase the value of the work.

There is no index, but the headings of the chapters supply its place to some extent. The author mentions so large a number of persons that an index would necessarily add much to the expense of the volume, but nevertheless its absence is to be regretted. Apart from the matter of an index, the work is worthy of praise, and is in all respects creditable to the author.

By *George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*History of Oxford. Part First. Church Records, Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.*

By W. C. SHARPE, Author of the *History of Seymour, etc.* Record Print, Seymour, Conn. 1885. 12mo. pp. 84. Each part will contain at least 75 pages. Price \$1 for each part.

Mr. Sharpe in his Preface says: "Three of the closely written leaves of the oldest volume of Oxford records, which evidently gave the vital statistics of the parish, are gone, while others are so worn as not to be fully decipherable. Old documents are destroyed by accident, or scattered far and wide by the migration of families. In view of this, and to bring these matters into convenient form for reference and preservation, the following pages have been compiled." The author is doing a good service for local history in collecting and preserving in print the valuable materials contained in this pamphlet, and we trust that it will receive a liberal patronage. He tells us that he has been careful to make it a correct transcript of the originals. It is handsomely printed in clear type. The succeeding parts, after the records are printed, will give notices of prominent persons and families and other matter relative to the history of Oxford, Conn.

Mr. Sharpe is the editor of the *Seymour Record* (price \$1.50 a year); and in this newspaper he has printed many historical and biographical articles relating to Seymour and towns in its vicinity. Those interested in these towns will do well to encourage his labors by subscribing for the *Record*.

*Remarks on the Early Appearance of the Northern Lights in New England.* By SAMUELL ABBOTT GREEN, M.D. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son. 1885. 8vo. pp. 7.

The appearance of the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights in Great Britain March 6, 1716, and in New England Dec. 17, 1719, attracted public attention, and they were then believed to be new phenomena. Though it was found they had before been occasionally observed in Great Britain, it was still believed that their appearance in New England was not earlier than the eighteenth century. Dr. Green, however, shows that this is an error, for he finds entries in Winthrop's journal under 1643, and in Sewall's diary under 1692, which evidently refer to the northern lights. Dr. Green's Remarks were made before the Massachusetts Historical Society, June 11, 1885. They preserve much valuable information on an interesting subject.

*The Visitation of the County of Somerset in the Years 1531 and 1573. Together with Additional Pedigrees, chiefly from the Visitation of 1591.* Edited by FREDERIC WILLIAM WEAVER, M.A., Late Demy of Magdalen College, Oxford. Exeter: Printed for the Editor by W. Pollard. 1885. Royal 8vo. pp. 148. Sold by B. Quaritch, bookseller, 15 Piccadilly, London, W.

The Visitations of Somerset, 1531 and 1573, edited by the Rev. Mr. Weaver, of Milton Clevedon, announced by us in January last, has been published and is now before us. As many of the settlers of New England came from Somersetshire, this volume will have a special interest for them.

There have been four visitations of this county, those of 1531, 1573, 1591 and 1623. The two earliest are printed here, the visitation of 1623 forms the eleventh volume of the publications of the Harleian Society, while some pedigrees from that of 1591 appear in the second part of the present volume.

The author has spent much time in collating manuscripts and gathering facts relative to the pedigrees in these visitations. His numerous annotations add much to the value of the book. As we stated in our announcement of the work, there are many notes and references to Collinson's Somerset, Hare's Wilts, Hutchins's Dorset, Westcote's Devon, and to the several visitations of those counties. Some pedigrees are from Sir Thomas Phillipps's Visitations of Somerset, a very scarce book, of which there is no copy in the British Museum.

The book is printed uniformly with the publications of the Harleian Society. Like them it has also full indexes of persons and places, so that reference to any fact in the volume is easy.

*The Bangor Historical Magazine.* Published by JOSEPH W. PORTER. Bangor, Maine: Benjamin A. Burr, Printer. Published monthly, 8vo. pp. 16 each number. Price \$2 a year.

This new monthly, commenced in July last at Bangor, Me., is intended "to gather all historical matter relating to Eastern Maine." Two numbers, for July and August, are before us. The first number contains articles on East Maine Conference Seminary, Early Settlement of Bangor, Municipal History of Bangor, Postmasters of Bangor, The Carr Family, Early Post-Offices in Eastern Maine, the Billings Family, Petition of the Inhabitants of New Worcester, the Bangor House, &c. The August number contains articles on the Early History of Orrington and Brewer, The Wholesale Boot and Shoe Trade in the United States, the Methodist Church in Orrington Circuit with the names of preachers and members, the Holyoke family, Ancient Land Grants East of Penobscot River, Publishments in Orrington.

Much valuable historical, biographical and genealogical matter is preserved in these pages, and we commend the work to the patronage of our readers. We have long known Mr. Porter, the editor, as a persevering and successful investigator of local and family history, and we have confidence that he will never fail to find good material for his magazine.

*A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing the Boston Records from 1729 to 1742.* Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 330.

*A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing the Records of Boston Selectmen, 1716 to 1736.* Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 355.

*The Great Seal of the Commonwealth.* (Massachusetts House Document No. 345.) 8vo. pp. 18.

The first two titles are those of the twelfth and thirteenth reports of Messrs. Whitmore and Appleton, the Boston Record Commissioners. The twelfth report is the fourth volume devoted to the records of the town, and the thirteenth is the second volume of the selectmen's records. Each successive volume of these reports shows the wisdom of those by whose efforts the Commission was organized. Each volume has a full index of places and subjects, and of surnames.

Mr. Whitmore, the chairman of the above commission, is the author of the greater part of the pamphlet, on the Great Seal of Massachusetts, whose title we next give; the committee on the judiciary, whose report this is, having incorporated in it an elaborate historical statement by that gentleman, illustrated by engravings of the several seals used by the colony, province and state. Neither Mr. Whitmore nor the committee found anything in the constitution or in the statutes prescribing the form of the seal. In consequence of this omission there has been no uniformity in the designs. At their recommendation this defect has been remedied.

*American Statistical Association. Memorial of Edward Jarvis, M.D.* By ROBERT W. WOOD, M.D. Boston: T. R. Marvin & Son, Printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 24.

*Memoir of Edward Jarvis, M.D.* By Rev. ANDREW P. PEABODY, D.D., LL.D. Boston: Printed by David Clapp & Son. 1885. 8vo. pp. 10.

Dr. Jarvis held the office of president of the American Statistical Association for upwards of thirty years, and at his death, October 31, 1884, in his eighty-second year, he was president *emeritus*. He performed an immense amount of work as a statistician, and was active in the philanthropic movements of the age. The grand motive of his statistical labors was the amelioration of the race.

The memoir by Dr. Wood was prepared at the request of the Statistical Association, and was read at its meeting, January 16, 1885. The author, who is a relative by marriage, had the use of the diaries of Dr. Jarvis, and is thus able to show us the incentives of his actions as well as the events of his life.

The author of the second memoir, the Rev. Dr. Peabody, was a classmate and intimate friend of Dr. Jarvis. Our readers are already familiar with it, as it is a reprint from the July number of the REGISTER. Dr. Peabody has prepared a fuller memoir for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

*Herrick Genealogy. A Genealogical Register of the Name and Family of Herrick.* By Gen. JEDEDIAH HERRICK. Revised, Augmented and Brought Down to A.D. 1885. By LUCIUS C. HERRICK, M.D. Columbus, O.: Privately Printed. 1885. Royal 8vo. pp. 516. Price \$5 cloth, \$6 extra cloth, \$7.50 half turkey, \$10 full turkey. Sold by the Author, 295 Hunter Street, Columbus, O.

*Some Early Notices of the Herrick Family.* By Rev. W. G. DIMOCK FLETCHER, M.A. Leicester: Clarke and Hodgson. 1885. 8vo. pp. 19.

*Record of the Bartholomew Family, Historical, Genealogical and Biographical.* By GEORGE WELLS BARTHOLOMEW, Jr. Published by the Author. Austin, Texas. 1885. 8vo. pp. xvi.+753. Price \$6 in cloth, \$7.50 in half calf. Address the Author, P. O. Box 853, Austin, Texas.

*Seventeen Pedigrees from "Family Memorials."* By EDWARD ELBRIDGE SALISBURY. 1885. Privately Printed. Folio, 17 folding sheets. Price \$7.50.

*Suggestions and Inquiries respecting the Ancestry of Col. William Willoughby.* 1885. Royal 8vo. pp. 11. Privately Printed.

*Genealogy of the Descendants of Nathaniel Clarke of Newbury, Mass. Ten Generations. 1642-1885.* By GEORGE K. CLARKE, LL.B. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged. Boston: Press of T. R. Marvin & Son. 1885. 8vo. pp. 216. Price \$4.

*A Genealogy and Historical Notices of the Family of Plimpton or Plympton in America, and of Plumptre in England.* By LEVI B. CHASE. Plimpton Mfg. Co. Print, Hartford, Conn. 1885. 8vo. pp. 240. Sold by the Author, Sturbridge, Mass.

*Chittenden Family: William Chittenden of Guilford, Conn., and His Descendants.* Compiled by ALVAN TALCOTT, A.M., M.D. Press of Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor, New Haven. 1882. 8vo. pp. 262. Price \$2. Sold by the Author, Guilford, Conn.

*The Family of William Leete, one of the First Settlers of Guilford, Conn., and Governor of New Haven and Connecticut Colonies.* Compiled by EDWARD L. LEETE, Guilford, Conn. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor, Printers. 1884. 8vo. pp. 168. Price \$1.75. Sold by E. W. Leete, Leete's Island, Conn.

*Genealogy of the Parthemore Family. 1744-1885.* By E. W. S. PARTHMORE. Harrisburg, Pa. Lane S. Hart, Printer. 1885. 8vo. pp. viii.+242.

*Rylands of the Rylands, within West Houghton, co. Lancaster.* 8vo. pp. 9.

*Genealogy of the Townsend Family.* Compiled by BENJAMIN D. TOWNSEND, of Lime Spring, Iowa. Alfred Centre, N. Y.: The American Sabbath Tract Society's Steam Print. 1879. 8vo. pp. 33.

*The Grandchildren of Col. Joseph Foster of Ipswich and Gloucester, Mass. 1730-1804.* Compiled by JOSEPH FOSTER, Paymaster U.S. Navy. Philadelphia: 1885. 8vo pp. 32.

*The Sambornes of England and America.* By V. C. SANBORN, of Concord, Mass. 8vo. pp. 11.

*Leonard Weeks and Some of his Descendants.* By the Rev. JACOB CHAPMAN, A.M., of Exeter, N. H. 8vo. pp. 10.

*Will of Alice Hayne, 1620, of Senley, Eng.* By D. F. HAYNES, of Baltimore, Md. 8vo. pp. 4.

*Descendants of Rev. Daniel Rogers, of Littleton, Mass.*

We continue our quarterly notices of recently published genealogical works.

It is nearly forty years since Gen. Herrick, of Hampden, Me., published his genealogy of the Herrick family. That book, which was issued in a thin octavo in 1846, is the foundation of the present bulky volume. Having long been out of print, it has been much sought for, and has brought a very high price when offered for sale. The book has much merit, and though it contains only 70 pages, by the use of small print and double columns a large number of families are compressed into it. Dr. Herrick of Columbus, Ohio, the compiler of the present work, commenced his labors thirteen years ago. He has been indefatigable in collecting materials and arranging them for publication, and has added greatly to the number of families in the work, and has corrected and enlarged the details about the individuals, so that there is about three times the matter in this volume than there is in Gen. Herrick's. The only illustration in that book was an engraved coat of arms. The book before us has a coat of arms in colors, ten portraits,—heliotypes, lithotypes and steel engravings,—besides other illustrations. Both books contain genealogies of the English Herricks, but this is more full and is illustrated by portraits. Gen. Herrick's had no index, while this volume has indexes of christian names, of other surnames and of miscellaneous matters. Dr. Herrick deserves great credit for compiling so valuable a book, and for the handsome style in which he has had it printed and bound.

The pamphlet by the Rev. Mr. Fletcher is a paper read before the Leicester-shire Architectural and Archæological Society. It gives the result of some researches "in the probate courts, the hall books of the corporation of Leicester, and various parish registers," made at the request of the author of the preceding book, to assist him in elucidating the pedigree of the English family. It is a valuable contribution to the genealogy of the Herricks.

The Bartholomew genealogy is worthy of a place beside Dr. Herrick's book. Considering that the author resided in Texas, far from the records which contain the materials for the history of the early generations of his American ancestors, and the meagre information that had been collected when he began his work, this may be called a wonderful book. No one under the most favorable circumstances could have produced a more satisfactory one. The New England Bartholomews, to whose descendants the larger part of this volume is devoted, are from William Bartholomew who came to Boston in 1634, and after a short residence here, settled at Ipswich, where he became prominent in colonial affairs. His ancestry in this book is traced back several generations in England. After the genealogy of the New England race is given, more or less full genealogies of other families of the name are printed, among which may be named the descendants of George of Philadelphia, who died in 1689; of John of Germantown, Pa., 1730, and of Daniel and Jacob, who were probably his brothers; of Henry of Zwei Brücken, Germany, and Allen Township, Pa., who died in 1807; and of Claude (Barteleme) of Marseilles, France, and Derby, Conn., who died in 1824. Here are also reports of the several reunions of the Bartholomews in this country, and an account of the early English families of the name. The author has been very successful in his researches, which to our knowledge have been unremitting, and the result is a book that may be pointed to as a model. It is arranged on the REGISTER plan, and is handsomely printed, on excellent paper and with good margins. It is embellished with portraits and other illustrations.

The next work is by Prof. Salisbury, of New Haven, a ripe scholar as well as a writer well read in genealogical lore. It consists of a number of large folding tabular pedigrees of families from which he or his two wives, Mrs. Abigail (Phillips) Salisbury and Mrs. Evelyn (McCurdy) Salisbury are descended. Five of the tables are devoted to the ancestry in the several lines of each of these three persons and are indexes to their descent as found in the other tables. The families here tabulated are among the most prominent in New England, such as Salisbury, Sewall, Dummer, Walley, Quincy, Wendell, Phillips and Bromfield. The book shows that a great deal of labor has been expended upon it. Much new matter has been discovered and preserved here, particularly in the English ancestry



of these families. Those who are descended from one or more of these families, and there are many such in the United States, will do well to secure a copy of this work, of which a small edition only has been printed.

The pamphlet on the ancestry of Col. Willoughby, is by Mrs. Evelyn McCurdy Salisbury, wife of Prof. Salisbury. It contains facts concerning Col. William Willoughby, father of Deputy Governor Willoughby of Massachusetts, and the Willoughbys of Kent, and gives reasons for thinking Col. Willoughby belonged to the Kent family. An article on the New England Willoughbys by Mr. Greenword of New York city is printed in the REGISTER, xxx. 67-76.

The Clarke genealogy whose title we give, is a second and revised edition of the book noticed by us in January, 1883. The book has been greatly enlarged, nearly half as many more families have been added to it, and many additions and corrections have been made to the families before printed. The book is arranged according to the REGISTER plan. It makes a handsome volume, and is illustrated with portraits and has a good index.

Mr. Chase's book on the Plympton Family gives a genealogy of the various families of Plympton and Plimpton in America. It is full in its details and precise in its dates. The English family prefixed is traced to Nigell de Plumpton, who died in 1212. The arrangement of the book is clear and it is well indexed. It is illustrated with many portraits and is handsomely printed.

William Chittenden, the ancestor of the family to which the next book is devoted, was one of the early settlers of Guilford, Ct., and came to this country in 1639. Dr. Talcott, the author, has been engaged many years in collecting facts concerning the Chittendens, of which family his wife is a member, and in the volume before us, which fully traces that family to the present day, has made a valuable contribution to American genealogy. The book is clearly arranged on the Goodwin or Connecticut plan. It is well indexed.

In October, 1882, we printed a notice of a work on the Leete family of England, compiled for Joseph Leete, Esq., of South Norroy, in which the ancestry of Gov. Leete of Connecticut is given. Above we print the title of a book just issued which supplements that work by giving a genealogical record of his descendants. This genealogy was compiled by Dea. Edward L. Leete, of Leete's Island, Ct., who died May 3, 1884, aged 74. He had brought the work near to completion before his death. Dr. Talcott, the author of the Chittenden genealogy, was requested to supervise the work as it passed through the press, which he did, making some additions and adding some notes. The book does credit to Dea. Leete and Dr. Talcott. It is arranged on the Goodwin plan and is well indexed.

Mr. Parthemore, of Harrisburg, Pa., the author of the next book, has given us a very valuable genealogy. "It shows," to use the words of a friend in Pennsylvania, "how much can be accomplished, by labor and research, among the Pennsylvania German families in the absence of 'town records,' which they have not." The author states, in his preface, that he found his task a laborious one, and adds: "Had it not been for the courteous, and competent, and widely known historian of Pennsylvania, William H. Egle, M.D., M.A., Harrisburg, Pa., we would have given up the effort or hope of ever seeing this book in print." It is well arranged and fully indexed.

The pamphlet on the Rylands family, which is carried back to the time of Henry III., is by J. Paul Rylands, Esq., F.S.A., of London, England, honorary secretary of the Harleian Society and the editor of some of its publications. It is a reprint of an article contributed by him to *The Genealogist* for July, 1880.

The next pamphlet, by Mr. Townsend of Iowa, gives the descendants of Jonathan Townsend of New Salem, Franklin county, Mass., who married Hannah Newton about the year 1765. The author is unable to trace the family farther back, but gives a full record of the later generations.

Col. Joseph Foster, whose descendants are given in the next pamphlet, was born in Ipswich in 1730 and died in Gloucester, Dec. 9, 1804. He was a great-great-grandson of Reginald<sup>1</sup> (Reginald,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>) Foster (see REGISTER, xxx. 101, Fam. 79) and also of John Dane whose "Remarkable Providences" were printed in the REGISTER, viii. 149-56. He was a merchant of Gloucester. A sketch of his life with a record of his descendants will be found in this pamphlet, which is by his great-grandson Paymaster Joseph<sup>5</sup> (Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>8</sup>) Foster of the United States Navy.

The last four pamphlets, on the Samborne, Weeks, Hayne, and Rogers families, are reprints from the REGISTER.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO AUG. 1, 1885.

I. *Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.*

The Union Defence Committee of the City of New York. Minutes, reports and correspondence, by John Austin Stevens. Published by the Union Defence Committee. 1885. 8vo. pp. 286.

Bibliography of Worcester History. Compiled by Nathaniel Paine for the account of the Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the naming of Worcester, Mass. Worcester, Mass. Privately printed. 1885. 8vo. pp. 18.

Remarks on the early appearance of the Northern Lights in New England, by Samuel Abbott Green, M.D. [Reprinted from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1885.] Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1885. 8vo. pp. 7.

General Roger Enos, a lost chapter of Arnold's expedition to Canada, 1775. By Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden. (From the Magazine of American History for May, 1885.)

History, Jurisdiction and Practice of the Court of Claims (United States), by William A. Richardson, LL.D. Second edition, June 25, 1885. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1885. 8vo. pp. 34.

Rules of the Court of Claims (United States) adopted June 1, 1885, and statutes applicable to the same. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1885. 8vo. pp. 68.

The Marble Border of Western New England, its geology and marble development in the present century. Papers and proceedings of the Middlebury Historical Society. Vol. I. Part II. Middlebury, Vt.: Published by the Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 63.

II. *Other Publications.*

Maryland in Liberia. A history of the Colony planted by the Maryland State Colonization Society, under the auspices of the state of Maryland, U. S., at Cape Palmas on the south-west coast of Africa, 1833-1858. A paper read before the Maryland Historical Society, March 9th, 1885, by John H. B. Latrobe, president of the Society. Baltimore: 1885. 8vo. pp. 138.

The Maryland Historical Society. Annual Report of the officers and committees for 1884-1885, to which is added the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws, List of Officers and Members, and a Catalogue of the Society's Publications, 1844-1885. Baltimore: Printed by John Murphy & Co. 1885. 8vo. pp. 74.

Transactions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for the year 1884. Part I. Boston: Printed for the Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 181.

Official Army Register for January, 1885. Published by order of the Secretary of War, in compliance with law. Adjutant General's Office, Washington, January 1, 1885. 8vo. pp. 400.

Providence County Court House. Report of the commissioners on decorations and improvements, and proceedings on the legislative visit, February 4, 1885. Published by order of General Assembly of Rhode Island. Providence: E. L. Freeman & Co., Printers to the State. 1885. 8vo. pp. 85.

Supplement to the General Catalogue of Dartmouth College and the associated institutions. Hanover, N. H. 1885. 8vo. pp. 56.

Obituary Record of the Graduates of Dartmouth College and the associated institutions, for the year ending at Commencement, 1885, by John M. Comstock, Statistical Secretary of the Association of Alumni of Dartmouth College. Hanover, N. H.: Dartmouth Steam Press. 1885. 8vo. pp. 23.

Twelfth Annual Catalogue of Drury College at Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, for the year 1884-85. Kansas City, Mo. Ramsey, Millet & Hudson, Printers, Binders, etc. 1885. 8vo. pp. 65.

Directory of the City of Malden and Town of Melrose, and Register of the Inhabitants, Manufacturing Industries, Business Firms, Institutions, Churches, Societies, etc. etc., for 1885, by Charles E. Bruce. Boston: Press of Rockwell and Churchill, No. 38 Arch St. 1885. 8vo.

Transactions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for the year 1884. Part II. Boston: Printed for the Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 351.+11.

Contributions of the Old Residents' Historical Association, Lowell, Mass. Organized December 21, 1868. Vol. III. No. 2. Published by the Association, July, 1885. Lowell, Mass.: Morning Mail Print, No. 18 Jackson Street. 1885. 8vo. pp. 215.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**EDITORS OF THE REGISTER.**—With this volume I complete ten years—a full decade—of continuous service as editor of the REGISTER, having commenced my fourth term in this capacity in the fall of 1875, on the number for January, 1876. This is a longer term than any of my predecessors served, and much longer than any except Col. Albert H. Hoyt, A. M., and Samuel G. Drake, A. M., the former having edited the REGISTER for eight and the latter for six consecutive years. The next on the list is the Rev. Elias Nason, A. M., who served continuously for two years.

The total length of my editorial service on the REGISTER is thirteen years and three quarters, during two of which I was associated with others, as will be noticed below. The total length of Mr. Drake's service was nine and a half years, of Col. Hoyt's eight years, and of the Rev. Mr. Nason's two and a quarter years.

The other editors have been William B. Trask, William H. Whitmore, A. M., the Rev. William Cogswell, D. D., William T. Harris, A. M., LL. B., the Hon. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, M. D., the Rev. Joseph B. Felt, LL. D., the Hon. Timothy Farrar, LL. D., and the Hon. Charles Hudson, A. M. (see REGISTER, xxxiii. 3-8). The whole length of Mr. Trask's service was four years, and of Mr. Whitmore's two years. During two years of Mr. Trask and the whole of Mr. Whitmore's service they were associates of the present editor as joint conductors of the REGISTER. Dr. Cogswell edited the work one year, Mr. Harris and Dr. Shurtleff three quarters of a year each, Dr. Felt half a year, and Judge Farrar and Mr. Hudson one quarter of a year each (see REGISTER, xxiv. 232; xxx. 184).

It will be seen that in the thirty-nine years during which the REGISTER has been published, it has had twelve editors. Of these a majority, seven, are dead. Five only are now living, namely, Messrs. Trask, Whitmore, Nason, Hoyt and

JOHN WARD DEAN.

**CELEBRATION AT NEWBURY, MASS.**—On the 10th of June, the completion of a quarter of a thousand years since the settlement of Newbury was celebrated. The exercises in the morning in the City Hall, Newburyport, began at 10.30 o'clock. William Little, Esq., president of the Historical Society of Old Newbury, delivered the address welcoming the sons and daughters of old Newbury and other guests. He then introduced the president of the day, Hon. John James Currier, who made a brief speech. A poem, written for the occasion by Mrs. Louisa Parsons Hopkins, was read by her. The Historical Address was by Rev. Samuel C. Bartlett, LL. D., President of Dartmouth College. After the exercises in the City Hall, a procession was formed, which proceeded to the tent where the dinner was served. Speeches were made by Hon. A. E. Pillsbury, president of the Massachusetts Senate; Hon. George B. Loring, Hon. W. W. Crapo, David L. Withington, Hon. Eben F. Stone, Lieut. A. W. Greely, Prof. Benjamin A. Gould, Edward Atkinson, Rev. S. J. Spalding, D. D., Hon. Edward S. Moseley, Hon. John R. Rollins, and others. A poem, written for the occasion by the late Hon. George Lunt, was read by his nephew, Rev. George D. Wildes. Letters were read from John G. Whittier, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, President Caldwell of Vassar College, and others. In the evening a reception and levee was held in the City Hall, which was appropriately decorated, and where had been collected numerous portraits of men and women connected with Newbury and the towns formed from its territory.

**SALISBURY CELEBRATION.**—On the 17th of June the one hundredth anniversary of the erection of the Rocky Hill Meeting-House, Salisbury, Mass., was celebrated in that venerable building. The president of the day was William H. B. Currier. The historical address was by the Rev. S. J. Spalding, of Newburyport. Addresses were made by Rev. A. G. Morton, probably the oldest active clergyman in that part of the county, and for many years acting pastor of the Rocky Hill Church; and the Hon. Richard S. Spofford. The latter read a poem, written for the occasion by his wife, Mrs. Harriet Prescott Spofford, which was entitled "At Rocky Hill." Another poem, written for the occasion by Joseph W. Nye, was read by the Rev. O. A. Roberts.

After the exercises in the church a dinner was served in a tent near by. The speeches were by Rev. Daniel P. Pike, Maj. Ben. Perley Poore, Rev. J. S. Spaulding of Salisbury, Rev. O. A. Roberts, Rev. Anson Titus, Hon. George W. Merrill, and others.

**HUNT QUARTER MILLENNARY GATHERING.**—The two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of William Hunt at Concord, Mass., was celebrated in that town, August 12, by his descendants. The literary exercises began at 10 o'clock in the Town Hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. Wellington L. G. Hunt, Esq., of Boston, the chairman of the committee of arrangement, was the president of the day. An address of welcome was delivered by the president, followed by an oration by John L. Hunt. A dinner was then served in the lower hall. In the afternoon the company was again called to order in the upper hall, where addresses were made and poems, written for the occasion, were read. After the exercises visits were made to points of interest to the family and places of historic interest. Especial attention was paid to the old family homestead on Punkasset hill. Reports of the proceedings on this occasion were printed in the *Concord Transcript*, August 15, and the *Boston Daily Globe*, August 12, 1885. A full report is to be published in a memorial volume under the superintendence of the chairman, W. L. G. Hunt.

**ANNALS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SEYMOUR, CONN.**—W. C. Sharpe, editor of the *Seymour Record*, is engaged upon a work with this title, which is now in press. A feature will be that it will contain sketches of their pastorates by former pastors.

**LOCAL HISTORIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons having facts or documents relating to any of these cities, towns, counties, states, etc., are advised to send them at once to the persons engaged in writing the several histories.

**History of the Minnesota Valley.**—The North Star Publishing Company, 309 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn., has issued proposals for a work under this title. To it the Rev. Edward D. Neill will contribute a history of the Northwest, and of the Explorers and Pioneers of Minnesota; J. Fletcher Williams, Esq., a civil, political and war history of that state; N. H. Winchell, the geology and physical features of the valley; and Gen. H. H. Sibley on Mendota. Other able writers will also contribute to the work. The book will be a quarto of about 1000 pages, bound in half morocco, and will be ready for delivery in about one year. Price \$10.

**History of Windsor, Ct.** By Henry R. Stiles, M.D.—Dr. Stiles has commenced the preparation of a revised and enlarged edition of his *History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor, Conn.*, published in 1859, and including the Supplement to the same, published in 1861, both of which have become very scarce and much prized among genealogists.

In this work Dr. Stiles has reason to expect much valuable assistance from Dea. Jabez H. Hayden, of Windsor Locks, and others. There has long been a demand for a new edition of this history. All those in any part of the country who are interested in or can contribute material to this proposed new edition, are cordially invited to correspond with Dr. Stiles, 109 Fulton Street, New York city.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think will be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from college or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of birth, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Andrews.** By Lieut. John Andrews, U.S.A., Fort Snelling, Minn.—Lieut. Andrews is compiling the genealogy of the family of John and Hannah Andrews, who were in Boston about 1653, and mainly of his son Capt. John Andrews, of Taunton, Mass. Any information of early or present generations will be thankfully received.

**Cleveland.**—The *Cleveland Genealogy*, compiled by Edmund Janes Cleveland, now of Hartford, Conn., formerly of Elizabeth, N. J., will be published early next year. The work will contain 700 to 1000 pages, and give descendants (in both the male and female lines) of Moses Cleveland, of Woburn, Mass., 1635, and of Alexander Cleveland, of Bull Run, Prince William co., Va., about 1665 (respectively

the northern and southern Clevelands of America), beside some account of the posterity of Edward Winn, of Woburn, the father-in-law of Moses Cleveland. The President is a descendant in the eighth generation from Moses,<sup>1</sup> his line being—Hon. Grover<sup>2</sup> Cleveland (Rev. Richard Falley,<sup>3</sup> William,<sup>4</sup> Rev. Aaron,<sup>5</sup> Rev. Aaron,<sup>6</sup> Capt. Aaron,<sup>7</sup> Mr. Aaron,<sup>8</sup> Moses<sup>1</sup>). The remains of Mr. Aaron<sup>2</sup> still repose in the old cemetery at Woburn. His gravestone entitles him *Mr. Aaron*, thus indicating his prominence in those early days. Included in the descendants of Alexander Cleveland are many of the great and good men of the South, governors of states, congressmen and soldiers of rank, among the latter Col. Benjamin Cleveland, the hero of the battle of King's Mountain, N. C.

All Clevelands who desire to perfect their records should correspond at once with Mr. Edmund J. Cleveland, 191 Sigourney Street, Hartford, Conn.

*Fether or Feather*.—Dr. Marshall, of 60 Onslow Gardens, London, England, is collecting genealogical notices of the family of Fether or Feather, and will be glad to hear of any of the name in America.

*Leavitt*.—Many years ago Thomas Hooker Leavitt, now of Lincoln, Nebraska, but then a resident of Boston, Mass., prepared a genealogy of the Leavitt family. Subsequently he gave his manuscript into the hands of Joseph P. Leavitt of Cincinnati, more recently of Chicago, Ill., who continued and elaborated it with great care, bringing it down to the time of his death a few years ago. Mr. Leavitt, of Lincoln, writes that he is informed that these records are deposited with the Chicago Historical Society, A. D. Hagar, librarian.

*Stiles*.—Dr. Henry R. Stiles, of 109 Fulton Street, has now nearly ready for press, a new and much enlarged edition of the *Stiles Genealogy*, comprising the Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Georgia families of that name. The first edition of the Connecticut *Stiles Genealogy* was a (limited) reprint of 36 pages, from Dr. Stiles's *History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor*, in 1859; and the first edition of the Massachusetts *Stiles Genealogy* was also a limited pamphlet of 48 pages. The revision of the latter work has been performed with great ability by Mrs. M. S. P. Guild, of Lynn, Mass.

*Terry*. By Stephen Terry, 309 Main Street, Hartford, Ct. (*ante*, p. 294).—This work, which is well advanced towards completion, relates to the descendants of Samuel Terry, of Springfield, Mass., 1650, and other New England families of the name.

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